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Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	7.15
Yamati ...Dep.	8.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	7.24
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	7.26	8.31	9.21	11.21	1.34	2.34	4.54	7.34
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	7.40	8.45	9.35	11.35	1.47	2.47	5.07	7.47
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.50	9.40	11.40	1.51	2.51	5.11	7.51
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	7.55	9.00	9.50	11.50	2.01	3.01	5.21	8.01
Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.35	8.00	9.05	9.55	11.55	2.05	3.05	5.25	8.05
Shuanghui ...Arr.	7.41	8.06	9.11	10.01	12.01	2.11	3.11	5.31	8.11
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	8.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	7.15
Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	9.17	10.07	12.07	1.22	2.22	4.42	7.22
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.17	9.22	10.12	12.12	1.27	2.27	4.47	7.27
Taipei Market Dep.	7.40	8.27	9.32	10.22	12.22	1.32	2.32	4.52	7.32
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	9.36	10.26	12.26	1.36	2.36	4.56	7.36
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	9.49	10.39	12.39	1.49	2.49	5.09	7.49
Yamati ...Dep.	8.01	8.48	9.53	10.43	12.43	1.53	2.53	5.13	7.53
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.04	10.09	10.59	12.59	2.03	3.03	5.23	8.03

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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YOUNG CHINA IN LONDON.

MISS CHINA IS BEAUTIFUL.

A CHEERFULLY INFORMAL AFFAIR.

[By NINA CONDRON.]

It happened in Soho the other evening. In a Chinese restaurant gay with coloured lamps and festoons young China made merry. "It was the annual dinner of the Cambridge Chinese Students' Society, held for the first time in London—a cheerfully informal affair without the discipline of boiled shirts or ceremonial speeches.

Young China in frolicsome mood is decidedly attractive, and Chinese undergraduates when they get together can make exactly the same kind of noise as English undergraduates.

Miss China is beautiful. She wore a kimono-like dress of celestial blue, made of such stiff and thick brocade that it could have stood alone. She greeted me with grave composure. Her dignity is a refreshing thing to meet in this somewhat hoydenish age. But the very modern Miss China is charming also. She had long legs and short red skirts. She tucked a cigarette into the corner of her dainty little mouth, and flirted and danced, and talked American slang with Oriental self-possession.

A Chinese welcome is something to remember. I was surrounded with hospitality and Chens—there must be a bewildering number of Chens in China! I was told that there are only about one hundred proper names to serve the millions of that vast country. A Chinese telephone directory is a nightmare that does not bear contemplation!

Chopsticks.

Chopsticks are easier to negotiate than I had imagined. After a little practice you can balance enormous mouthfuls of rice on the end of them. One pair of chopsticks, one bowl for rice and one willow-patterned plate to each guest throughout the whole of the long, delicious meal—what an economy in washing up!

There were dishes of strange vegetables that looked like seaweed and tasted like boiled rose leaves; there was chicken cooked with chestnuts, and the inevitable fried noodle.

Everybody talked in excellent English, and it was explained to me that it was impossible for them to talk to each other in Chinese. As that language has almost as many dialects as it has letters in its alphabet. One dialect is hopelessly unintelligible to another, and English is to the exiles a welcome kind of Esperanto.

The drinking of toasts in China is a long and elaborate ceremony. A loving cup filled with older and ice and oranges was passed down the table, beginning at the place of honour, where Dr. Chen of the Chinese Legation sat beside the very youthful President of the Society. Each guest drank in turn.

Not Easy To Go Back.

My partner at dinner, who was a little sad because his Cambridge days had just come to an end, spoke of his impending return to the East. "I have been away four years," he said, "and it will not be easy to go back. I am going into politics—but first of all I have much to do on my own estates." He talked of his ancestors' tombs scattered over hundreds of miles of valuable land. "In some cases," he explained, "a whole mountain is dedicated to a single grave. I am going to gather all the graves together in one mausoleum and release the consecrated land for agricultural purposes."

"But it will be a hard task," he added; "there are many members of my family who will not approve of what I want to do." We talked of the burden of ancestor worship, and its strange hold on economic life.

After the long meal, while a gramophone played and the girl in the red frock charlestoned, I sat in a quiet corner with Mrs. Tai. Ma. beautiful in a white kimono. She talked with shining eyes of her baby Paul, who has just been christened in St. Paul's Cathedral, and she

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MADCAP JAPANESE PRINCESS.

HOPING TO RESTORE BOY EMPEROR.

WHY SHE WAS SENT BACK TO CHINA.

TOKYO.

A beautiful princess, 19 years old, clever and accomplished, who has been banished from Japan and returned to her relatives in Peking, has just returned to Japanese territory. She is the Princess Chin, daughter of the late Prince Su, of the former Reigning House of the Celestial Empire, who proved too big a handful for her Japanese foster parents to handle.

Princess Chin was adopted by N. Kawashima, of Dairen, a friend of her father, and brought up as a Japanese girl, attending a girls' finishing school in Tokyo under the name of Miss Yoshiko Kawashima. She blossomed in culture beauty, but during the past three or four years she has developed the principle of self-determination to a marked degree.

She scorned all offers of marriage with both Japanese and Chinese suitors and announced that she intended to devote her life to the task of replacing the deposed Boy Emperor of China upon his throne. Finding that she could accomplish little or nothing as a girl, she kicked her silken kimono and her broad-based sashes into a corner and donned man's clothes, scandalizing her foster relatives by wearing these on all occasions and by choosing only young men as her associates.

After foster father Kawashima abandoned the task of restoring the boy emperor, she was sent to Peking. Recently she returned to Dairen, having had a steamship passenger and crew by the side because of her behaviour en route, when she insisted upon being a man for the time being.

SHANGHAI NATIVE CITY.

NEW ELECTRIC POWER PLANT FOR CHAPEL.

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The Chapel Electric & Waterworks Co., a Chinese company, who are just completing new works, their new waterworks plant, with a daily capacity of 20 million gallons of filtered water, will, in the course of two years, build also a new electric power plant of the most recent design, which was ordered a few days ago.

In January, 1927, tenders were obtained for the equipment of the power station, but the study of all the details, which were to make the new plant not only most modern, but also most economical, took more than a year. Now, the directors of the company, having decided that the offer answering fully all of their requirements was that submitted by the Skoda works Ltd. of Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, have placed their order with this firm, which, it should be noted, was the only one among the 35 tenderers of all countries, who offered every part of the plant, from the boilers to the outlet of the power station, built in their own works. According to our information the present capacity of the plant will be 25,000 kilowatts, with provision to extend it to 100,000 kilowatts. The equipment of the plant will consist mainly of three Skoda high pressure boilers and two Skoda high pressure turbo-sets each of 12,500 kw. The total of the contract is said to amount to about \$1,400,000.

—North China Daily News.

explained to me that the scarlet-coloured eggs given to the guests at the christening are a symbol of new life. "It is an English idea," she said, "a type of the resurrection." And I thought of the resurrection of the sleeping heart of China—of the new life of these fearless pioneers in education and civilization, and of the fresh worlds they are moulding for the little Pauls of the future to live in. —Daily Mail.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Belgian (Round World Tourist Liner) due. Cathedral. Women's Workers' Guild: Address by Rev. G. H. Hewitt, on "The Church of England in the 19th Century," 10 a.m.; Committee meeting, 10.30 a.m. (Both meetings at St. John's Cathedral Hall). Annual Ordinary Meeting Humphrey's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m. 40th Ordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 12.30 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m. Helena May Institute Musical: "Music of Childhood," 5.30 p.m. "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.; Impromptu Dance, 7.30 p.m. Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Gaucho." World Theatre: "Blarney." Star Theatre: "The Man Upstairs." The Banvard Musical Company present "Mercenary Mary." Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Principal Mail: Inward: Europe via Siberia (Kwangtung), 2.30 p.m.

Friday.

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Saturday.

Central British School Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m. Yachting: 9th Championship Race for Racing Yachts. Fanning Hunt: Hunt Ride. Hunters' Arms, 2.30 p.m. Cricket League: Division I: University 1st XI v. Kowloon C.C. Division II: Club de Recreo v. R.A.O.C.; Tamar v. Royal Navy. Friendly: Cricket: Navy v. H.K.C.C.; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.K. Garrison 2nd XI; Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.K. Police C.C. Football: H.K.F.A. Challenge Shields: Seniors: China Athletic Club v. K.O.S.B. (Club ground); Club de Recreo v. H.K. Police (King's Park); R.A. v. South China (Sookunpo). Kick-off in each case at 4.15 p.m. Juniors: R.A. Reserve v. K.O.S.B. Reserve (Sookunpo); China Athletic Reserve v. South China "B" (Club ground); Scots Guards v. St. Joseph's "B" (Chatham Road); St. Joseph's "A" v. H.K.F.C. Reserve (St. Joseph's). Kick-off in each case at 2.30 p.m. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m. "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.; Impromptu Concert, 8 p.m. H.K. Football Club annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m. Elton Hall Concert and Dance, 8 p.m. Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Gaucho." World Theatre: "Blarney." Star Theatre: "The Man Upstairs." The Banvard Musical Company present "Mercenary Mary." Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Principal Mail: Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President Van Buren). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Kamo Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Sexagesima. St. Peter's Church annual meeting, after morning service. Fanning Hunt: Meet at Sheung Shui, 7 a.m. Golf: Junior Championship (second round), Fanning; Police v. Tai Koo match, Happy Valley, 9 a.m. Yachting: Regatta of 3rd Championship Race for Cruisers. Cricket: Mr. G. L. Sayers XI v. Combined Schools XI, Civil Service Cricket Club ground, 2 p.m.

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TEN YEARS OF THE CHE-KA.

A STATE WITHIN THE STATE.

RUSSIA'S POLITICAL POLICE.

[By F. A. MACKENZIE.]

Ogpu, the Russian political police, better known to the world at large as the Che-ka, has been celebrating its tenth anniversary, publicly parading its gendarmic throughout Russia. The day has gone by when Ogpu sought to conceal itself. It is now an integral part of the Russian State, securely entrenched in the Constitution itself, and independent of the control of any representative body. It is a State within the State.

In December, 1917, shortly after the successful uprising by the Bolsheviks, Lenin called on Dzerzhinsky, a prominent Polish Communist, to form an organisation to fight counter-revolution. Dzerzhinsky was, in the opinion of many who knew him, the second most remarkable man in the Bolshevik revolution, austere, fanatical, incorruptible, in personal relations kindly, in public work as merciless as the traditional Spanish Inquisitor. Above all, he was an amazingly efficient organizer.

Dzerzhinsky's Staff.

Dzerzhinsky gradually gathered a staff around him, one of his chief assistants being Jacob Peters, the Jewish revolutionary, who had stood his trial a few years before at the Old Bailey charged with helping the Houndsditch murderers, and had been acquitted. For some months the Che-ka did nothing very amazing, but when the Social Revolutionist campaign of murder against Communist leaders was followed by the Red Terror, the Che-ka showed its teeth.

Big business premises were occupied in the hearts of the cities and turned into primitive prisons. Underground cellars became cells, and upper rooms had their windows blocked with iron sheeting, so that only little glimpses of the sky could be seen. Suspects, and these in company of suspects, were gathered in wholesale after the "mouse and cat" method of Czarism. Sometimes a batch of men and gentlemen would be thrown into a single room, without any convenience of any kind, and left there for days. People were arrested and forgotten. The Che-ka was policeman, judge, and executioner combined.

Prison Horrors.

The many familiar tales of the prison horrors in Russia between 1918 and the end of 1921 (in some parts still later) are true in the mass, if not always in detail. The unspeakable things done in such prisons as Kharikov and Odessa, and in many others, could hardly be exaggerated. Che-ka became a name at which even Red revolutionists trembled. No intelligent Communist denies this. The most they plead is that conditions were abnormal, and that the Whites did things just as bad.

In 1921, with the close of the period of military Communism, there came a change. There were signs that the Communists themselves were sickening of the blood-fest. When Bela Kun returned from his wholesale massacre of White officers and civilians in the Crimea, he expected warm congratulations. Lenin received him coldly. "What have you done with my Russians?" asked Lenin coldly. Bela Kun found himself avoided by all.

A high official in the Foreign Office, Chicherin's right-hand man, was visited one day by a Che-ka official, a personal friend, who invited him to his office near by.

Here, without explanation, he was conducted to an underground cell and left. The Che-ka suspected him of selling State secrets to America. (There is good reason to believe that the whole thing was a plan worked by White secret agents.) It took six months to prove his innocence. Meanwhile he lay in solitary misery.

Move Towards Reform.

This alarmed some of the Communist leaders, more particularly Krylenko, one of the chiefs of the Peoples' Commissariat of Justice. There came a long secret battle, which ended in the reconstruction of the Che-ka under the name of the Gay-Pay-Oo (State Political Department) with its central organization the Ogpu. Under this reconstruction the powers of the Che-ka were greatly curtailed, and the Commissariat of Justice was given a certain measure of control over its prisoners.

Simultaneously, genuine reform had been proceeding inside the Che-ka itself. The untrained and vengeance-seeking agents of the early years of the revolution were being ousted by a much higher type of official. Many of the ablest and most ambitious of the younger men in Russia have now entered this service, believing it to be the real centre of state power.

Renewed Vigour.

The new Gay-Pay-Oo was not long content to rest with wings clipped. Within a few months it secured the passage of a decree reviving the Czarist exile system, and giving it the power to arrest, detain, and exile (in conjunction with the Commissariat of Justice) any person, without open trial, for political reasons.

The greatest triumph of the Gay-Pay-Oo came when the new Constitution was adopted. In it the Gay-Pay-Oo was made a part of the State organization, and even given certain powers in the selection of the higher judiciary.

Ogpu is under the partial control of the People's Commissars, the central Government. It has its own staff, and efficient gendarmie, a large force of Communist troops, who would be capable of necessary of putting down any ordinary uprising in the regular army itself. It is, without question, the most efficient political police in the world, with an organization stretching wherever Russians gather, in any part of the world.

A Powerful Machine.

But apart from this, the Gay-Pay-Oo is doing a great deal to bring order and discipline back to Russian life. It has made corruption in public office—the old bane of Russia—unsafe.

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STRANGE INCIDENT IN HINDU TEMPLE. MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF MARATHA YOUTH.

BOMBAY, January 17th.
A strange incident is reported to have taken place at Narasawadi, a famous shrine near Miraj, south of Poona, on January 7th.

As the day was full-moon day, and a day of religious observance, a Maratha youth of 25, belonging to Miraj, went to the temple to worship the Deity.

In the morning, he took a bath in the river Krishna, and, going before the idol, he fell prostrate before the god, Shri Datta.

He never rose. After a short while, the people around grew suspicious and shook him, but were surprised to find him dead.

As the temple is believed to be haunted by evil spirits, he was at first thought to be possessed.

On a thorough examination, however, the youth was found to be dead.

The incident has created a sensation in the locality and the places around.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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Paris	124
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Amsterdam	12.00 1/2
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	24.57 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	2.5/16
Bucharest	702 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
New York	48.79/32
Geneva	25.32
Milan	62.10
Stockholm	18.15 1/2
Oslo	18.32
Prague	194 1/2
Madrid	28.05
Athens	237 1/2
Rio	5.50/64
Bombay	1/11.3/32
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Shanghai	2/1
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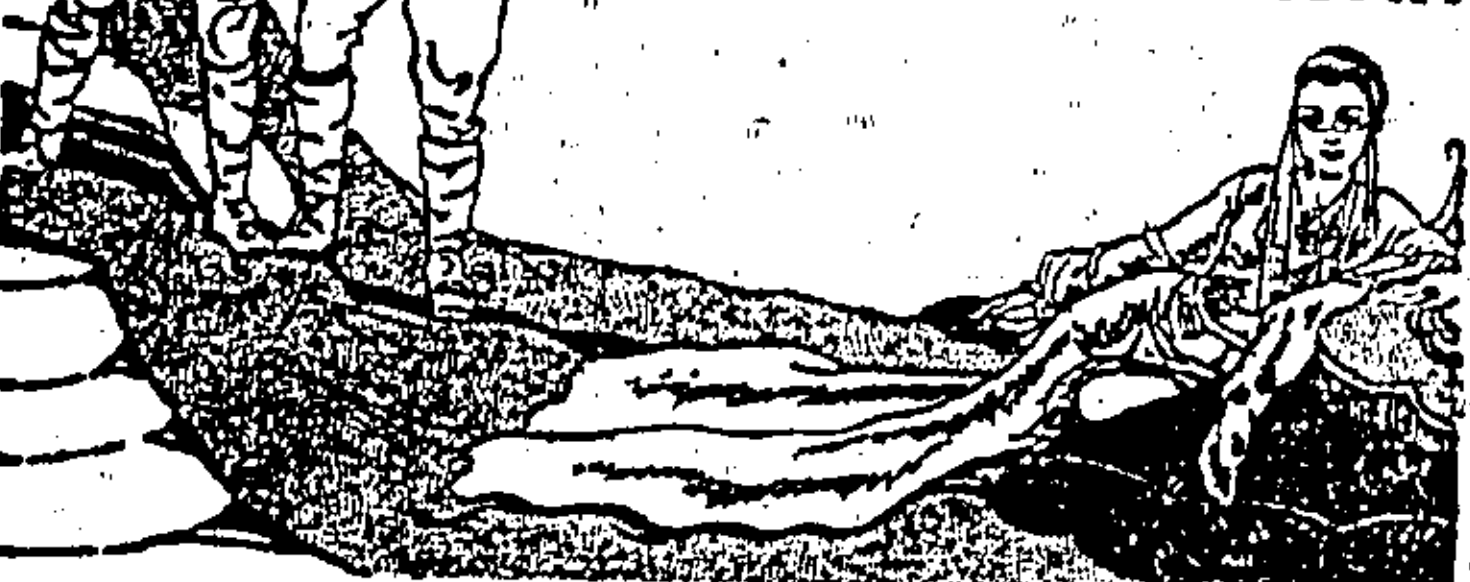


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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK REPORT.
SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK.
FINANCES FLOURISHING.

The directors, in their 112th report, which will be submitted to the shareholders at the City Hall on February 25th, state—
 The net profits for the year, together with \$3,309,035.84, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts and contingencies, amount to \$17,033,353.98.
 The directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to the Silver Reserve, which will then stand at \$14,000,000.
 They also recommend writing off Bank Premises Account the sum of \$1,000,000.
 After making these transfers, deducting the Interim Dividend of 23 per share, paid on August 8th last, viz.:—\$480,000 at 2/-=\$4,800,000, and remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$11,238,353.98, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 23 per share, viz.:—\$240,000, and a bonus of 23 per share, viz.:—\$230,000, amounting in all to \$900,000 which, at 2/-, the rate of the day, will absorb \$7,976,923.08.
 The balance \$3,411,430.90 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.
 The sterling equivalents of the assets and liabilities are shown at 27-3/4, the rate ruling on the last day of the year.
 Mr. A. H. Compton has been elected Chairman for the year 1928, and Mr. N. S. Brown has been elected Deputy Chairman.
 The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. G. M. Young resigned their seats on leaving the Colony and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. Macgown and Mr. N. S. Brown were invited to join the Board.
 These appointments require confirmation at the meeting.
 The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. W. L. Pattenden retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.
 The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. John Fleming, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

WINNER OF NORTHAMPTON BY-ELECTION.

COL. MALONE'S CURIOUS CAREER.

KNOWN, BUT NOT POPULAR OUT HERE.

The winner of the Northampton by-election, Colonel C. L. E. Strang, F.R.A.S., is well-known in certain circles in China and to most Chinese in this country. One of the aristocrats of the Independent Labour Party, and only 37 years of age, he comes of a Yorkshire family, and is a great-grandson of the ninth Earl of Scarborough.

He has been successively a Liberal, a Coalition Liberal, a Communist, and a Socialist. While a Communist he was imprisoned for six months in 1921 for a seditious speech at the Albert Hall, and was struck off the O.B.E. register, but he recanted his Communist views during the recent election campaign. He was deprived of his rank as Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy for visiting Soviet Russia without permission of the Admiralty. He entered the Royal Navy in 1905, and, with Commander Samson, was a pioneer in the flying service, commanding the R.N.A.S. unit in the raid on Cuxhaven in December, 1914. Later he served in the Dardanelles, and, after further distinguished war service, became the first British Air Attaché to the British Embassy in Paris and Air Representative on the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

With the outbreak of the trouble in China he came into prominence through the part he took in the Labour Party's opposition to the Government's policy. Nothing at all was heard from him during the recent election, as to what Britain should or should not do in China. In the light of events Labour very likely prefers to forget. Col. Malone visited China on a tour of investigation, and the results were published in 1926 in two Independent Labour Party publications entitled "New China," the first giving his views on the political situation and the second on labour conditions and organisations in that country.

CINEMA NEWS.
CURRENT PICTURES AT THE WORLD AND STAR.
ANOTHER WAR COMEDY.

"Blarney," a story of the old time prize ring, comes to the World Theatre to-day until Saturday. Renée Adoree and Ralph Graves play the leading roles. The background is the New York Bowery, and sporting life of 30 years ago has been reproduced with skill and care. Three fights are staged in the course of the film.

At The Star.
 "The Man Upstairs" by the author of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "The Chinese Parrot" will be shown at the Star to-day until Saturday. Monte Blue plays "Geoffrey West," alone in London and in search of "Marian Larnard," a woman of adventure. Through the medium of the "agent," a column of a daily newspaper, the two young people become acquainted. To gratify her love of excitement, West sends her a series of letters describing a mysterious murder which is purely imaginary. She decides to turn the joke on him and gives his letters to the police, and he is sent to prison for a murder which took place only in his imagination! The climax is in keeping with the rest of the story.

For The Queen's Next Week.
 Another excellent comedy "Two Arabian Knights" on the lines of "Behind the Front" and "We're in the Navy Now" is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday for three days. It is a story of two soldiers, private and sergeant, who disguise themselves as Arabs to escape from a German prison camp and find themselves eventually in Arabia. Louis Wolheim, who played the original part of Captain Flagg in "What Price Glory?" as a stage play, takes the role of the sergeant, and William Boyd, plays the gentleman ranker. Mary Astor is the daughter of an Arabian Emir, who leads the two soldiers into a web of complications in the land of harems.

£3,000-A-YEAR OFFER TO DR. NORWOOD.

CITY TEMPLE PASTOR REFUSES TO LEAVE POST IN CANADA.

A three-thousand-pounds-a-year post in Montreal has been declined by Dr. F. W. Norwood, the minister of the City Temple.

The offer was received by Dr. Norwood from the American Presbyterian Church in Montreal. It took him only six hours to decide that he could not leave the City Temple in Holborn Viaduct, where he has preached since 1919.

"Had I been a free man," said Dr. Norwood, "I should have accepted the invitation, but I love the City Temple and do not wish to leave it."

I gave the matter most serious consideration, but within six hours I had cabled back declining the offer.

Later I received a letter pointing out the great opportunity for me in Canada now that the various denominations have united. "There is talk in these days of the paucity of good preachers—and it may have some bearing on this invitation—but I think it is more apparent than real."

I believe there are many able preachers in this country, but the limelight falls only on a few. The great Churches do not consider how the great preacher in the little obscure church is to become known, and often do not seek to give the unknown a chance.

"The Churches should look out for promising preachers among their younger men and smaller churches."

Great men of special attainments cannot be expected to select the ministry as their vacation unless the ministry itself holds a high place in the reverence of the people. When the people demand good preaching they will obtain it.

CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS.

SERVICE LIST.

The fifty-third issue of the Chinese Maritime Customs "Service List," corrected up to June last, which has just come to hand, shows a total foreign and Chinese staff of 8,724, of whom 1,184 are foreigners and 7,540 Chinese. Divided into categories, there are in the Revenue Department 1,023 foreigners and 5,592 Chinese. Of the former 263 are on the Indoor Staff, 718 Outdoor, and 42 Const. The Marine Department, 138 foreigners and 1,020 Chinese. The foreigners are employed as follows: Coast Inspectors, 33; Harbour, 48; Lights, 49; Marine, 10. The Works Department comprises 23 foreigners and 18 Chinese. The Engineers' Staff comprises 8 foreigners, the Office Staff 1, and the Outdoor Staff 14.

GERMANY'S DON JUAN.
1,300 FIANCEES.
PROFITABLE SOURCE OF INCOME.

BERLIN.
 Franz Liefke, a handsome man of forty with black moustache and soulful eyes, has been arrested at the office of a newspaper here just as he was collecting the 331 answers to the following advertisement:

Civil servant, widower, desires to meet a widow, about 30, with a view to matrimony. No objection to child. Some property desirable, but not essential.

And a very good thing it was for the 331 widows that the police pounced on Franz, for whom they have been looking since the summer of 1923. They state that he has been making a comfortable living for the last 13 years, with the exception of the year which he passed in prison, by swindling girls and widows who were anxious to marry.

Between 1912 and 1924 he had swindled some 900 of them and carried on his profitable life-work of getting engaged in every part of Germany. He was at last caught and sentenced to 10 years' hard labour, but after a year he escaped and resumed his old life.

Franz's method was very simple. He inserted a modest advertisement in the chief newspaper of the place he was working in—even the best German newspapers accept such advertisements—and started a correspondence with four or five of the women who replied. He arranged to meet one of them, and he was such a past-master in the art of inspiring confidence and of awakening affection that he usually succeeded in extracting money or jewellery from his victim.

When he had fleeced her he sent a little note to say that he was going away for a fortnight, and turned this attention to another promising widow. It is stated that his victims in the last year are as many as 400.

STUDENT'S POEM OF HIS DEATH.

TRAGIC FULFILMENT IN HIGHLANDS.

LOST IN THE SNOWS.

GLASGOW.

Special poignancy is added to the loss of Mr. Hugh Barrie, a Glasgow University undergraduate, in the snows of the wild Cairngorm Mountains of Inverness-shire, by the discovery of a poem, almost prophetic, which he wrote not long before his disappearance.

He and Mr. Thomas Baird, M.A., assistant demonstrator in the snows of the wild Cairngorm geology, had gone on a climbing expedition, and Mr. Baird was found unconscious in a lonely corrie. Glen Inesh, between Aviemore and Braemar, all efforts to revive him were in vain.

But the search for Mr. Barrie, carried out in biting weather, has resulted in nothing being found except a shepherd's crook, a coloured handkerchief, and a sock, which have been identified as his.

So that peculiar pathos must now attach itself to a poem he wrote recently in the "University Magazine," with strength and freedom of manner, and a certain adventurous fearlessness.

The opening lines were:—

When I am dead
 And this strange spark of life
 That in me lies
 Is fled to join the great core of
 Life

That surely flames beyond
 Eternities,
 Bury me not, I pray thee,
 In the dark earth, where comes
 Not any ray

Of light or warmth or aught that
 Made life dear.
 But take my withered bones far
 Far away

Out of the hum and turmoil of
 The town.
 Find me a windswept boulder for
 A bier.

And on it lay me down.
 Where fast beneath drops sheer
 The rocky ridge

Down to the gloomy valley and
 The streams
 Fall foaming white against
 Black, foaming rocks.

Where the sun's kindly radiance
 Seldom gleams,
 Mr. Barrie was discovered by two Perth bank clerks, who did all they could to revive him by massage and artificial respiration. It is presumed that he had set out for help after Mr. Barrie had met with an accident, but was overcome by the intense cold.

Both men were well known at the University. Mr. Barrie was a keen tennis and badminton player, and has often played for the University badminton team. Mr. Baird, who was the son of a schoolmaster, was buried at Balmorock.

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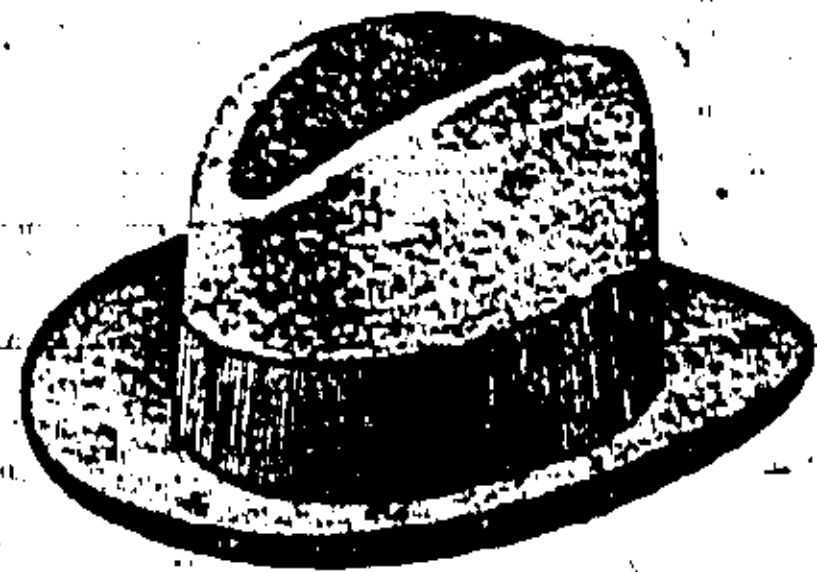
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"LETTERS NO SOLICITORS WOULD WRITE."

Leslie E. Haynes, who figured prominently in the recent case against James Christie and C. Blum, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday at the Central Magistracy, as the defendant in an action taken against him by the Law Society of Hong Kong for illegally practising or acting in the capacity of a solicitor.

With him was C. M. Houghton against whom the same offence was alleged. Both defendants are connected with the South China Trade Protection Association, whose offices are at Kaiming Building, Queen's Road Central.

The action arose out of two letters sent out by this Association, on behalf of their clients, to two Chinese. According to the prosecution these letters were worded as if they had come from a solicitor. The only thing was that "criminal" proceedings were threatened. This, remarked Mr. D. H. Blake for the prosecution, was too strong and no solicitors would write in such a tone.

It was further alleged that when one of the recipients of these letters went to the office of the defendants, he was detained and threatened with deportation. This matter is forming the subject of another action which is coming before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

The case against Haynes was, however, withdrawn when it was learnt that the evidence of an interpreter who was present when an interview took place between this defendant and another Chinese could not be corroborated.

The case against Houghton was continued in the afternoon and was finally adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

The Letters In Question.

There were two summonses against Houghton and one against Haynes. They arose out of the two following letters:—

January 18th.

"Mr. Pang Chau, ex-Managing Partner of the Chau Hon Company. Dear Sir.—Our client, Mr. Chang Kim, has submitted to us account books written by you for the purpose of auditing. We have to inform you that unless you interview us at 4 p.m. on the 18th instant, and make any necessary adjustment, we are instructed to take criminal proceedings, without further notice. Commending the forementioned to your immediate attention.—South China Trade Protection Association, C. M. Houghton, Accountant."

The other letter, dated January 20th, and written under another heading, was from C. M. Houghton and Company, addressed to Ng Chai Lam, staff of the Comprode Department of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice and Cold Storage Company, and read as follows:—

"Dear Sir.—We have been consulted by Mr. Tong Yik Lee with reference to the sum of \$218, being balance outstanding of a promissory note for \$320, drawn by you in favour of Mr. Tong. Our instructions are to demand immediate payment of this sum, and to institute legal proceedings against you in the event of non-payment. Should you be unable to effect immediate payment or dispute the amount in any way, kindly call on our Secretary on Friday, the 27th inst. Otherwise, a writ will be issued against you without further notice.—Signed, South China Trade Protection Association, C. M. Houghton, per pro C. M. Houghton and Company."

Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, prosecuted on behalf of the Hong Kong Law Society. "Mr. A. el Arculli was also present to watch the case, and told the Court that he represented one of the Chinese complainants in the Civil action which is being instituted against Haynes for wrongful arrest."

By mutual consent the three summonses were taken together.

The Case Opened.

Opening the case for the prosecution Mr. Blake said that the Ordinance of the Legal Practitioners laid down that any person who either directly or indirectly practised or acted as a solicitor without having been admitted and enrolled as such or as a public notary without having been duly registered should, upon summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Touching upon the difference between English Law and the Hong Kong Ordinance, Mr. Blake stated that at home it would be necessary to prove that the defendant had pretended to act as a solicitor. The local Ordinance only lays down that any unqualified person who has either practised or acted as a solicitor shall be liable.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the English Law was more precise.

Coming to the two letters written by the defendants, Mr. Blake said that in the case of Ng Chai Lam, no notice was taken. The letter was handed to his solicitor and from him, it went to the Law Society.

In the case of Pang Chau, the matter presented a different aspect. The letter threatened criminal proceedings, and Pang Chau, at once went round to the South China Trade Protection Association, and had two interviews. Evidence would also be called, said Mr. Blake, as to what had happened at the interviews. It would be shown, he submitted, that Haynes and Houghton were acting as solicitors, and that the two letters themselves were sufficient evidence of their practising or acting as solicitors.

Continuing, Mr. Blake said that at the second interview Haynes was also present. He spoke through an interpreter and he said that unless payment was made, he would have to take criminal proceedings. He opened a book and read an extract and then said: "There you are. You see I can take criminal proceedings."

Evidence Called.

Ng Chai Lam, of the Comprode Department of the Dairy Farm, said that he received a letter dated January 20th and this letter he produced in Court.

Pang Chau, of the Chau Hon Motor Transportation Company, said that he received a letter on January 18th at 10 p.m. He could not read English and therefore had the letter translated for him by a friend. The next morning he called on the South China Trade Protection Association and there he saw Haynes, who directed him to a room. He went in and waited for some time when a clerk named Chuen San Fung came in and said that he (the clerk) was working for Mr. Hall. Houghton also came in later.

Houghton then said that it was impossible for him to adjust the accounts. This was said in English and interpreted to witness by Chuen San Fung. Houghton advised the witness to pay \$750 and also asked for 20 per cent costs. Witness refused to pay, whereupon Houghton was alleged to have said that unless the witness paid up, he would render himself liable to criminal proceedings. Houghton was alleged to have added that he had the right to have witness arrested as a criminal.

At this stage his Worship said that he did not know whether he should take down this evidence, as what the witness said was interpreted to him in Chinese by another man.

Mr. Blake said that at a later stage he would call the other man who spoke both English and Chinese.

The witness (Pang Chau) was then allowed to continue. He said that his refusal to pay ended the interview. He, however, called again the next day in the afternoon, and he saw Haynes and Houghton together. At this interview, witness said, Haynes handed the key to Chuen who at once locked the office door. Haynes then produced a book, opened it and pointed out a certain passage in the book. In the room at the time were witness, Haynes, Houghton, Chuen San Fung, a clerk and another man named Lau On whom the witness took with him.

Ten or fifteen minutes later, Lau On got the door open and went out. Witness said he asked Lau to go and engage a solicitor on his behalf. Later Lau returned with the solicitor's clerk and it was then that he was allowed to leave the premises.

At this stage Mr. Blake informed his Worship that in view of the difficulty regarding evidence on interpretation, he would withdraw the charge against the defendant Haynes. Mr. Blake stated that it would be difficult to get Suen.

Mr. Lindsell (to Haynes): The summons against you is withdrawn. You are discharged.

Haynes: May I ask your Worship one question?

Mr. Lindsell: In what connection? You are discharged.

Haynes: Would it be possible by any process to obtain the depositions in this case? The present witness is the plaintiff against me in the Summary Court for alleged wrongful imprisonment, and certain evidence which he has given to-day which your Worship has made a note of—is of extreme importance to me.

Mr. Lindsell: If you will make a formal application to me in writing, I will consider it.

The Case Against Houghton Continues.

The case against Houghton was then proceeded with. Haynes took a seat in Court close to him and appeared to speak to him from time to time while Houghton was conducting his defence.

Pang Chau's evidence was corroborated by another Chinese who said that he accompanied witness to the South China Trade Protection Association. This witness added that when Pang Chau refused to pay, Houghton had said that he could claim the amount and have Pang Chau deported. (When this was said Haynes and Houghton both laughed.)

Houghton, giving evidence, denied being present at the two interviews as mentioned by Pang Chau. He said he was teaching at the time. He further denied having asked the witness to pay him 20 per cent costs. He said that he had only suggested that 20 per cent costs would be given by the other side.

His Worship remarked that it appeared to him more likely that the recipient of the money would pay the costs to the agent collecting for him.

The witness's reply to this was that he was made to understand that he was required to get altogether \$800 to settlement.

Houghton then handed his Worship a document and said that the amount claimed was \$750 and not \$750. He also handed another letter to the Magistrate and referred Mr. Lindsell's attention to the last paragraph.

Submission For The Prosecution.

In the afternoon Mr. Blake addressed the Court. He said that the letters complained of were absolutely in the form of a solicitor's letter—with this exception, that no lawyer would threaten to "take criminal proceedings." One would have to bear in mind that such letters were addressed to Chinese, who could hardly be in a position to say whether or not they had actually come from a solicitor's office. The letter to Ng Chai Lam, in which immediate payment was demanded, could not have been expressed in stronger terms.

Coming to the word "Practice," Mr. Blake said he could not find a better definition than from the dictionary, which said "to act as, to serve as and to work as."

At the interviews, Houghton was said to have threatened proceedings. And if deportation was mentioned, he, Mr. Blake, could only call it abominable on Houghton's part. He further said that this sort of threat would have the strongest effect on any Chinese, for if there were things the Chinese feared they were deportation and criminal proceedings.

Reply By The Defence.

Houghton, in his defence, said that the last letter he sent to Pang Chau, he mentioned that he would "instruct a solicitor" to take proceedings. "How could we be the solicitors if we said that we were going to hand the matter over to a solicitor," he argued.

Mr. Lindsell: Are you suggesting you have no case to answer?—Yes. Houghton further argued that even saying that proceedings would be instituted did not mean that they were going to do it themselves.

Our solicitor is Mr. O'Donoghue and his office is in the same building as ourselves," he added.

Houghton then asked permission to call evidence.

Mr. Lindsell: You submitted that you have no case to answer on the evidence against you, therefore you need not call evidence.—All right, then may I have your Worship's decision.

Mr. Lindsell then reviewed the case and pointed out to the defendant the wording of the letter where it stated: "We are instructed to take criminal proceedings against you."

To this Houghton replied that that was his client's instruction. The definition of a "client," he said, according to a Chamber's Twentieth Century Dictionary meant a customer. He further added that his client's idea was that unless a threat were used the man Pang Chau would not settle.

Mr. Lindsell: That's not a legal argument.

A Case To Answer.

His Worship ruled that the defendant had a case to answer. Houghton said that he would then call evidence.

Evidence Of Australian Practice.

James Thomas Dobbie, formerly editor of the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald*, was then called.

Houghton: I think that—from 1920 to 1924 you were editor of the *Banbury Herald* in West Australia?—Yes.

Houghton: You were also a member of the Town Council, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the local Trade Protection Association, and Branch Secretary of the Trade Protection of West Australia?—Quite true.

Houghton: Were the functions of those societies identically the same as those of the South China Trade Protection Association?—Yes.

Mr. Lindsell: How do you know?—I have seen the prospectuses of the South China Trade Protection Association.

In answer to further questions put to him by Houghton, Mr. Dobbie said that he considered that the two letters complained of were in

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THE TOKUGAWA SCREEN.

A MARVEL OF NEEDLEWORK.

For the past week little groups of people have been collecting outside Komor and Komor's. It is not indeed unusual to see three or four art lovers gazing their fill there at any time, but such a persistent audience has not been seen since Komor's last exhibition of pearls was on view.

The Tokugawa screen is the attraction, which acts like a magnet on passers by and holds them enthralled in never ending interest in the picture which is so marvelously drawn thereon, in needlework.

This screen which is the work of the talented artist Nishimura was completed some ten years ago, after fourteen years of patient labour by the artist and his family, for every member had a hand in carrying out the master's design. It represents the famous Nikko temple shown in its natural setting of garden and landscape. Every detail of architecture, ornament and landscape, is faithfully portrayed. But this is not the most striking feature, but rather the truly extraordinary illusion of third dimensional solidity, which is gained as much by the play of light and shade as by the painstaking accuracy of every detail of proportion and perspective.

Perhaps considered as a piece of furniture or room decoration a simpler flower or bird study as the Japanese craftsmen make with such exquisite delicacy would be more comfortable to live with. But the Tokugawa screen is essentially more than an ornament. It is a museum or collector's piece, the like of which will probably never be made again. Modern standards of living in Japan make the production of only one piece by a family or colony of artists over a considerable period of time impossible. The finished product would of necessity be too costly.

The price at which this screen is offered makes of it a very profitable investment, although it seems as Whistler contended somewhat to degrade an artistic treasure to consider it in the light of money. Perhaps some one endowed with a real love of art will buy it and place it, where it rightly belongs, in a gallery where all may come and marvel and give thanks for the patience and vision which inspired its creator.

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RESULT OF LAST YEAR'S WORKING.

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Subject to audit, the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., report that the balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31st, 1927, is \$692,305.56, which together with \$332,733.68 brought forward from the previous year makes a total of \$1,025,039.24 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:—

To pay a dividend of	\$8 per share	\$640,000.00
To carry forward		\$385,039.24
		\$1,025,039.24

harmony with those used in Australia.

Mr. Dobbie agreed, however, that he would not use the word "Criminal proceedings." He said that in his capacity as secretary of the Banbury Trade Protection Association, he would write similar letters to those produced.

Houghton then submitted three "standard letters" and other forms which he said were commonly used by Trade Protection Associations, and of these, Mr. Dobbie said that they were "nothing out of the ordinary."

"Imitating A Solicitor."

Cross-examined by Mr. Blake, Mr. Dobbie said that the law in Australia differed greatly from English Law.

When asked if he knew the difference, Mr. Dobbie admitted that he did not.

He agreed that while in the employ of the *China Mail*, he used to contribute articles to other papers. He had also sent one or two articles to the *Hong Kong Observer*.

Mr. Blake: Just forget you are a newspaper man and also your Australian experience, and just think if you had the mentality of a Chinese, what effect those letters would have on you?—There are 100 different ways in which 100 different men would take them.

Mr. Dobbie said that the letters might be construed as "imitating a solicitor."

Mr. Blake: That is the very phrase I like.

At this stage the case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, his Worship saying that he would like to look up the authorities for it.



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CANTON AND THE KUOMINTANG.

RESUSCITATION EFFORTS.

AN OIL TAX COLLECTOR WANTED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton Government is making an effort to revive the Kuomintang, which is now defunct, according to its own constitution. Telegrams have been sent to all branches of the party in Kuomintang controlled districts asking for delegates to be sent to Canton for a conference on the party's future. The idea in Canton is that an attempt is being made to set up another "Nationalist Government of China" in the Southern Capital.

The latest move in the game is to send yet another wire to General Chiang Kai Shek in Nanking, protesting against "supporters of the Red upheaval" being permitted to participate in the 4th Session of the Central Executive Committee just adjourned. Canton leaders of the Kuomintang have repeatedly warned Nanking against allowing Mrs. Liao Chung Hoi, Mr. Chen Shih Jen, and other members of the Committee from Canton to attend the session. The Canton regime will certainly refuse to recognise the Nanking Session.

On January 1st, when General Chiang took charge at Nanking, the West Hill Oligue led by Mr. Chau Lu and General Hui Chung Chi left Nanking and Dr. C. C. Wu followed. Canton leaders are very angry at the statements of Dr. Wu and others that Canton and Nanking are not divided. Dr. Wu is accused of trying to be friendly all round with a view of office with whatever party is in power.

General Chen Ming Shu has arrived at Canton, but so far he has made no public statement.

So far there has been no competition for the post of collector of the special tax on kerosene. The conditions are that the person appointed must collect at least \$380,000 a month from this source. Business is bad all round and kerosene oil, although a necessity to many households, is no exception. Some of the militarists controlling the districts have been commending the proceeds of this revenue, so the prospects of any party now getting anything are slight. The Authorities are asking candidates for the appointment to see them again on February 10th.

The Farmers' League, a subsidiary organ of the Kuomintang in the days of "Red" dominance in the Party, has just been proscribed by order of the Provincial Committee of the Kuomintang.

Both the military and the Police Authorities now-a-days have their own secret service and detectives to prevent rivals of the present regime from coming back. Raids on "Red" quarters continue daily.

The Rev. Tam Yek Sum, of Canton Union Theological College and Union Middle School, will leave Canton within a few days for Jerusalem, where the World's Christian Council will meet. Mr. Tam will spend some time in Europe studying education before returning to Canton.

A number of silk flatures in the Nanhai District, a Canton silk centre, are being advertised for sale. Several silk producers are finding it difficult to carry on.

DAMAGE BY SEA-WATER.

BAD WEATHER "THE ACT OF GOD."

NATURE OF "SEAWORTHINESS" RAISED AT SUMMARY COURT.

Judgment was delivered by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon in a case heard last week in which a Chinese firm claimed damages in respect of cargo which had been damaged by sea-water during transshipment between ports. The ship encountered bad weather, and sea-water reached the hold in which the cargo was stored. His Lordship held that the accident was an "act of God," and also came under the heading of a "Peril of the Sea."

In this case the plaintiffs were Messrs. Peng Heng Long, and they sued Messrs. Kwong Ngian Seng, of 40, Bonham Strand, West, for \$749.08, in respect of the damaged cargo. The cargo, which consisted mostly of towels and blankets, was shipped on the s.s. *Hua Lee No. 1* from Hong Kong to Bangkok during 1926. As a result of bad weather and straining, some rivets were loosened, and when Hoibow was touched a quantity of water was discovered in the forepeak. At Bangkok the cargo was taken out and surveyed. The Captain of *Hua Lee No. 1* made a protest at Bangkok to the effect that the damage was due to "perils of the sea." When the boat arrived back at Hong Kong, the master supplemented this protest against a claim for damaged cargo.

Interesting expert evidence was given by Capt. G. D. Arthur, of Carmichael & Clarke, at the hearing of the case. The evidence for the defence turned largely on the question of the seaworthiness of the vessel. Capt. Arthur, who made a survey of the ship being called and his expert evidence being of considerable assistance.

With regard to this particular ship, witness spoke of tests carried out which in his opinion did not show any unseaworthiness at all. He explained in detail the uses of a collision bulkhead, emphasising that absolute watertightness was not expected. If water got into the forepeak through some accident or peril of the sea it was not a sign of unseaworthiness of the ship but that some of the sea-water had got into the hold. This was a risk which shippers had to take and for which they were able to cover themselves by insurance.

Mr. R. A. Wadson (of Messrs. Deacons) was for plaintiffs and Mr. D. L. Strellett (of Messrs. Hall & Co.) for defendants.

THE JUDGMENT.

Delivering judgment, yesterday in this case, His Lordship said: The plaintiffs shipped cargo in a steamship owned by the defendants. On the voyage this cargo was damaged by sea-water.

The action is brought in respect of this damage.

The bill of lading here concerned (allowing for certain misprints) is in the ordinary form.

The ship encountered bad weather on the voyage, and on his next visit to the Colony the Master caused a protest to be duly noted with reference to it.

The sea-water damage was the result of this bad weather. The cargo was stored in No. 1 hold, for and how the water reached the cargo is not definitely ascertained. Five feet of water were observed in the forepeak; but as a subsequent inspection disclosed no water in the collision bulkhead, it is likely that no water entered the hold from this portion of the ship.

The parties came to trial after correspondence in which plaintiffs' solicitors relied solely upon an alleged breach of contract of sea carriage, due to the unseaworthiness of the ship. This contention the plaintiffs abandoned after the close of the evidence, most of which had reference to it. In my opinion, therefore, whatever may be the result either in this Court or on appeal, the plaintiffs should pay all costs of the present trial.

In his final submission the learned solicitor for the plaintiffs relied on the terms of the bill of lading, and argued that the defendants had not been able to bring themselves within any exception there set out. The relevant exceptions are (1) "Act of God" and (2) "other accidents of the sea, or whatever navigation of whatsoever nature or kind." In my opinion, the defendants may successfully found their defence on either of these exceptions. The operative cause was something independent of human action, viz., weather; and further it has been suggested that the accident could have been avoided by exercise of greater care or foresight. In these circumstances the event was an "Act of God." I have noticed the following paragraph in Section 9 of *Carriage by Sea (7th Edition)*: "It is not enough for the shipowner to show that the loss arose from natural, as distinguished from human, causes, and to leave it to the other side to show that there was some want of precaution or care on his part; he must himself show affirmatively that the causes were such that no reasonable amount of precaution and care have enabled him to avoid or guard against them."

"Captain Arthur's evidence as to the frequency of this occurrence on seaworthy ships, to my mind sufficiently satisfies any onus borne by the defendants on this point. The second exception is an 'act of God' as it was also an 'act of God' and as such, in the absence of negligence alleged and proved, will be a good ground of defence in this action. For these reasons it seems to me that the plaintiffs have failed to establish a cause of action. I give judgment for the defendants with costs."

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"SAN NAM HOI" PIRACY.

BOTH GRILLES OPEN AT CRITICAL TIME.

INDIAN GUARD'S STORY.

Further evidence was taken yesterday by Major C. Willson sitting as Coroner, with a jury to inquire into the death of Mr. Harry Conway, Chief Officer, and two Indian guards of the s.s. *San Nam Hoi*, when that vessel attacked by pirates on January 17th at Pakhoi.

Captain W. H. Sparke was recalled and in answer to the Coroner, said that the grilles on both sides of the ship were open at the time. On the portside, it was kept open for the boys to bring the officers' food to and from the galley, which was outside the enclosed area. The starboard side of the grille was open for the deck to be washed down.

An Indian guard said that he was in his cabin asleep, and when he saw three pirates in his cabin. Two of them were actually pointing their rifles at him and the other was covering another Indian asleep in the same cabin.

Witness looked at the place where the guards' rifles are always kept and saw that they were gone. He became frightened and remained still. A moment later the pirates left their cabin and went out, where he found a loaded rifle near his doorway. He got hold of this rifle and fired all the six shots at a pirate who had already jumped overboard. His shots took effect for the robber went under and was not seen to rise again.

After corroborative evidence had been given by another guard Mr. K. K. Lo, who was watching the case on behalf of the owners of the *San Nam Hoi*, said that even if these guards were not sleeping at the time, it was very doubtful if they could have done much. As they were off duty they would be in their cabin, and the pirates would not doubt surround the cabin to prevent them coming out to give assistance.

The enquiry was then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

ARMED ROBBERY AT TUNG TOU VILLAGE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday afternoon two Chinese were charged with complicity in an armed robbery which took place at a matchbox at Tung Tou village, Kowloon City, on the night of January the 4th.

Inspector Fallon, prosecuting, stated that at about seven o'clock on January 14th, four men posing as Police officers, vested with authority to search for arms, gained admittance to a matchbox at Tung Tou village, occupied by three women. They gagged and bound the three women, and ransacked the place taking with them jewelry and money to the value of \$70. After the men had left the women attracted the attention of some neighbours who released them. They then reported the matter to the Police.

Acting upon information the Police arrested the second defendant at No. 1000, Canton Road, and on a statement by this man they later arrested the first defendant at Ngau Chuen Wei. Two rings were found on his person which were later identified as having being stolen on the night of the robbery.

As the lamp in the shed was extinguished at the time of the robbery the women failed to recognise either of the two defendants. In reply to the second charge the first defendant said that he had received the two rings, but had stolen them himself in the course of the robbery.

The case was adjourned.

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THE NAVY LEAGUE.

PLEA FOR MORE MEMBERS.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Navy League was held yesterday evening in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission), with the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., in the chair.

In putting forward the annual Report and Balance Sheet Sir Henry Pollock stressed the fact that though the membership had increased, he still wished the public to realise that the number was entirely insufficient. The membership of the St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies was probably four times as great, and he called upon the members of these societies to join the local Navy League and help to send back money for propaganda to combat the extreme pacifist views of those who wished to reduce the Navy far below its proper strength.

The General Secretary in London wrote in a letter to the local branch "we are engaged in combating the extreme pacifist here who are advocating making gestures to the world and disarming; but it is uphill work as they have a large following and much money."

Sir Henry mentioned that he had attended the Navy League Banquet at the Hotel Cecil at which Admiral Earl Beatty and Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, had been present, and where he heard read the telegram from the Hong Kong Branch. He also had been present at meetings of the Executive Committee and was asked by Sir Cyril Cobb to give his views. "We have in the Executive Committee at home," said Sir Henry, "a very active and energetic body working wholeheartedly for the welfare of the Navy and the maintenance of security."

After dealing with the accounts the Chairman proposed that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted. The proposal was carried.

Plea For More Members.
Mr. W. J. Stokes, local secretary of the China Coast Officers' and Engineers' Guild, put forward a strong plea for a greater membership. According to the Report, he said, there was an increase of fifty members during the year, but a total of 929 was far too small. There were stationed in Hong Kong over 1,000 British born Mercantile Marine officers, earning their living on the sea, and owing their security to a great measure, even in the piping times of peace, to the Navy. He himself had worked untiringly to gain new members from this class, with the rather discouraging result that he had got only one recruit. He asked if it were not possible for the captains of maritime industry, members of the League, to put forward the advantages of the League to these men.

Election Of Officers.
The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., was unanimously re-elected President, with Mr. Paul Lauder Vice-President. The Committee was Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Mr. W. A. Dowling, Mr. R. Sutherland, M.B.E., and Mr. A. L. Shields. Mr. A. J. Bird was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, while Mr. C. P. Marcel takes on the duties of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. M. Whyte, who is going home on leave.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report showed that the membership is now 929, several members having left the Colony during the year under review. 50 members joined during 1927.

The deaths of Capt. A. C. McKinnon, Dr. W. W. Pearce and Mr. T. H. Perry are record with regret. Reference is made in the report to the customary celebration of Nelson Day, on October 21st, by the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph and Wanchai Memorial, and the holding of the usual Nelson Day Concert at the Queen's Theatre.

As a result of the funds of the League benefited to the extent of \$933.20, and the Committee remitted the sum of \$100 to Headquarters, \$50 of which was to be allotted to a Navy League Charity, and \$50 towards the Headquarters' expenses.

A cheque for 10 guineas was sent to the King George's Fund for Sailors, which is devoted to assisting the sailors and their dependants in sickness and distress. This was the local tribute towards the celebration of Nelson Day in London, instead of the usual wreath.

Sir Henry Pollock, who was then in London, kindly arranged for a wreath to be placed on the Nelson Monument on October 21st.

Reference is made in the report to local activities of Hong Kong Branch of the Navy League. On October 21st the Branch sent the following message to the Headquarters:

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PEKING DETECTIVE CHIEFS EXECUTED.

GENERAL AND COLONEL SHOT.

ALLEGED EXTORTION.

PEKING, Jan. 26th.

In addition to the execution of General Shan Yu Lung, ex-Chief of the Detective Department of the Tayananshan, on account of his corruption and cruelty towards innocent people, by order of the Dictator, Colonel Cheng Shu Kiang, Chief of the Detective Department of the Peking Gendarmerie and four military detectives were shot at the Temple of Heaven on the 22nd instant, that is the eve of the Chinese lunar new year day on account of similar charges.

According to the official proclamations issued by the Military Ministry, all the above-mentioned military officers were guilty of depositing false documents allegedly from Feng Yu Hsiang and Yen Hsi Shan in the houses of wealthy Chinese in Peking and Tientsin giving them "high appointments" and then arresting them without the knowledge of the local police. Koo Yu Kun, Li Yu Tien and several other rich merchants and residents of Peking and Tientsin were arbitrarily arrested by detectives during the August-November period of last year and they were crudely treated with a view to extorting monetary fines from them under the charge that they were secret agents of the Kuomintang and the Shansi armies.

The innocent merchants were only released on bail after the payment of a total sum of \$200,000 which were divided by the above-mentioned departmental chiefs and their subordinates. The Dictator was so angry when he was informed of the irregularities and cruelties that he ordered the guilty officers be shot on the eve of the Chinese lunar New Year day after court martial by General Ho Pen Ling.

FRAUD ON TREASURY.

REWARD FOR EVIDENCE AGAINST GUILTY PARTIES.

In connection with the loss of over \$200,000 sustained by the Treasury (as mentioned in the recent police court proceedings), the following notification, issued by the Captain-Superintendent of Police, and headed "Fraud—\$5,000 Reward," was posted at Police Headquarters yesterday morning.

The notice reads:—Whereas between December 3rd, 1927, and January 7th, 1928, a certain person or persons, purporting to trade under the names of Min Tak Company, Katz & Company and Man Lee Company, on the sixth floor of China Building, uttered three fraudulent cheques drawn on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (which cheques purported to be signed by the Colonial Treasurer of Hong Kong) and did thereby obtain payment of the sum of \$390,407.63; it is hereby notified that a reward of \$5,000 will be paid by the undersigned for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the principal party or parties, who wrote or procured the writing of the above-mentioned cheques.

Far East by H.M. Navy during present critical times. Kindly give publicity foregoing.

This was read out at the Nelson Day dinner when about 350 people were present including Admiral Beatty, who was the guest of the evening.

Owing to the decision of the Home Government to curtail their building programme your Committee considered it advisable to cable the following message to the Headquarters:

"This Branch considers any reductions strength Navy, very disastrous generally and particularly conditions prevailing Far East. Please protest Government."

Shanghai Branch were advised by us of the despatch of this message, and were asked to back us up.

Accounts.

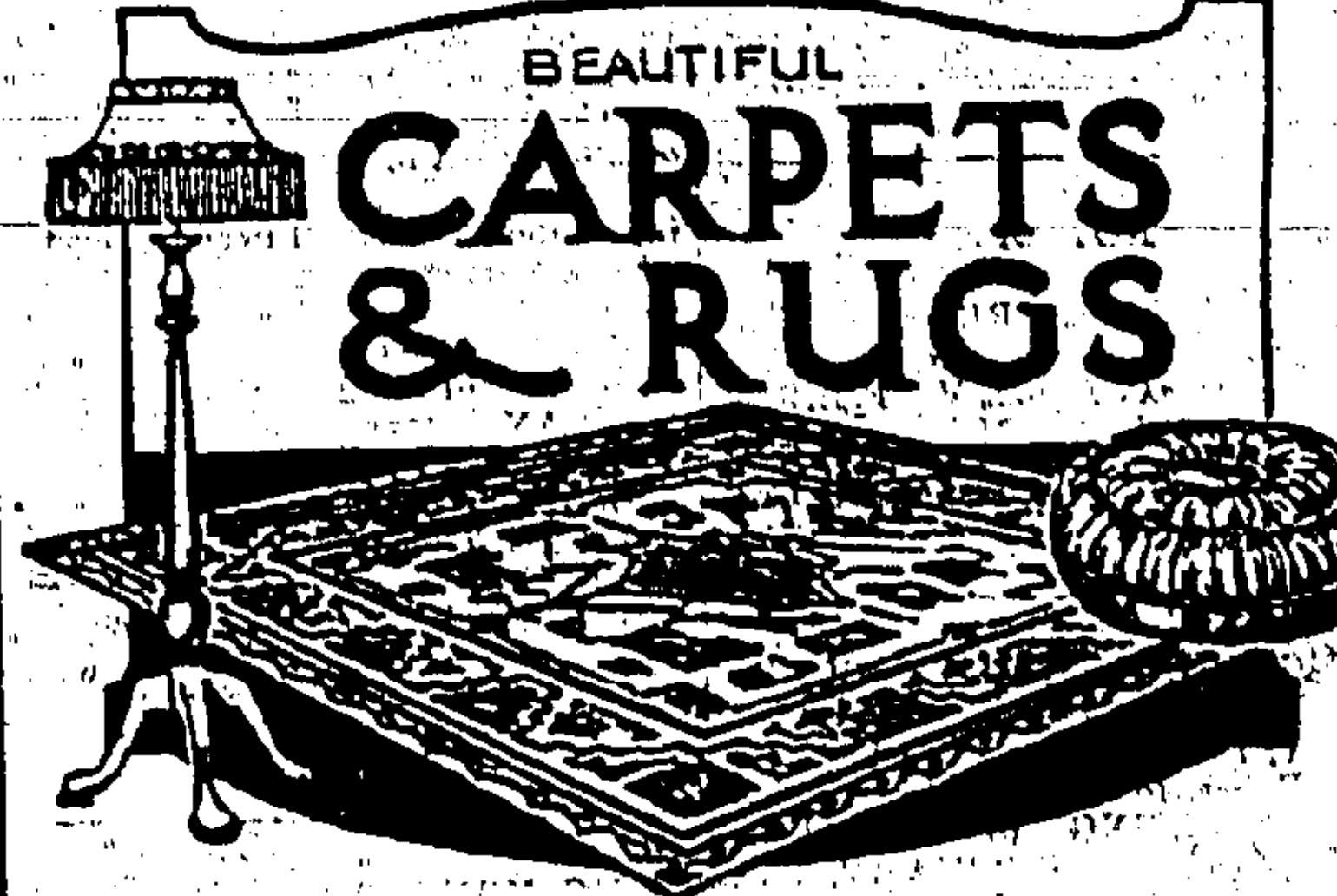
The past year has been a fairly successful one and while the annual concert realised only \$933.20 against \$1,500.40, it is satisfactory to note that the effective membership of the League has nearly doubled inasmuch as although in 1926 the total amount of subscriptions received was only \$435, the past year has brought in the sum of \$920 under this heading.

In the middle of March last year \$250 was remitted on account of the Wanchai Relief Fund partly as a result of the newspaper appeal and partly from a sum taken from the proceeds of the 1926 concert.

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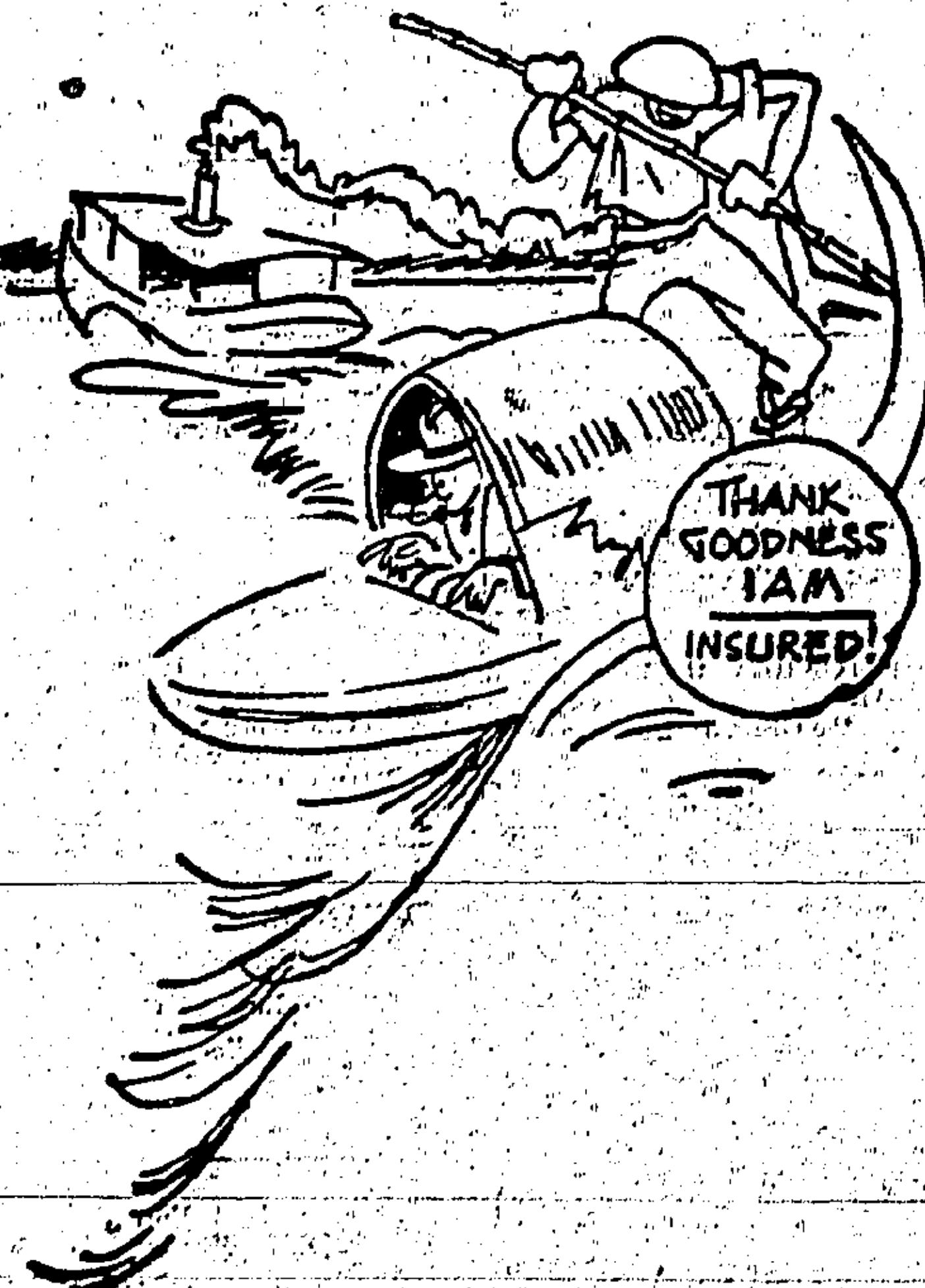
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that during the absence on leave of Mr. A. W. VAN ANDEL, Mr. F. J. A. LAFLEUR will act as Manager. HOLLAND CHINA TRADING Co. [5871]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONG KONG CLUB and CADEWAY BAY STABLES. Entries will close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928. [5869]

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1928 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, to THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1928, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary. Hong Kong, 10th Jan., 1928. [5863]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 9th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, to FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [5868]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. BYRNE, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [5855]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th, to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive. By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary. Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5861]

CORRECTION.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, 67, Queen's Road, Hong Kong, has received a notice from the Registrar of Companies, dated 1st February, 1928, in which it is stated that the Company's name should be "The Chinese Engineering Mining Company, Limited" and not "The Chinese Engineering Mining Co., Limited" as previously stated. [5864]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Vaux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary. Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5854]

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY. ENTRIES will close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY. Schedules may be obtained on Application from the SECRETARIES, c/o BRADLEY & Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1928. [5862]

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INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th FEBRUARY.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LYNSTAD & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LYNSTAD & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1928, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day for the Meeting. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price: 33 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day. Admission by Ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LYNSTAD & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their Names on the Passes. Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' hands. Any Person found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure. By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. [5856]

SILVER WEDDING.

HOOPER-SAYER.—On February 9th, 1903, at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, JOSEPH, eldest son of the late H. D. C. HOOPER, Solicitor, Bristol, to Miss ELIZABETH, daughter of the late G. J. B. SAYER, of Hong Kong, and Mrs. G. J. B. SAYER, of Wandsworth Common. [5867]

MARRIAGES.

ARCHER-TAYLOR.—On January 7th, in London, HENRY ALLAN FAIRFAX BEST ARCHER, O.B.E., H.M. Consular Service in China, to RUTH ISABEL, eldest daughter of Mr. ARTHUR H. TAYLOR, and the late Mrs. M. E. TAYLOR, of Winton, Wallington, Surrey. WICKES-POCOCK.—On January 7th, at St. Philip's, Kensington, COLIN LIVERLEY WICKES, of Fairfield, Oxford, to PHYLLIS MARY, youngest daughter of the late Capt. T. G. POOCK, of Hong Kong, and of Mrs. POOCK, of the Manor House, Kingsbury, Episcopi, Somerset.

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HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 9th, 1928

PEACE GESTURES.

Mr. KELLOGG has stated on behalf of the American nation that his country is prepared to sign an international agreement prohibiting the use of submarines. After the use of submarines after the war, doubtful services to the cause of world peace rendered by the United States of America during the past year it is not surprising that Mr. KELLOGG's proposal has failed to receive widespread sympathy. The London Times points out that Earl BALFOUR's suggestion to the same effect at the Washington Conference was contemptuously rejected as an English move to secure a strategic advantage in any future naval warfare. The Daily Telegraph remarks that since 1921 submarine strength has altered to America's disadvantage and she has laid down only six of these craft compared with fifty built or projected by Japan. The submarine is the weapon of the weaker power unable

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to afford powerful squadrons," says the Paris press, adding some characteristically outspoken criticisms of the author of this latest proposal.

Whatever one may think of the reasons lying behind this move by America the reception it has had is a clear indication of the world outlook on disarmament. There are those who for one reason or another, believe in big armaments.

They are a powerful body, equipped with good arguments and great enthusiasm for their views. So far they have entirely carried the day. The mass of people are indifferent.

They leave questions of statesmanship to those paid to do the job of governing, despite all the talk of democracy and government by the people. Then there are those who disbelieve in armaments. It was just after the war that they enjoyed a certain measure of popularity. Their slogan of "never again," found acceptance with war-weary nations. Ex-soldiers said, only half in jest, "I shall be a conscientious objector in the next war." Distinguished generals and admirals were among the foremost advocates of disarmament and peace. The practical expression of these sentiments was the League of Nations Union. The theory of the thing was excellent. Branches of the Union were to be formed in every town and village throughout the civilised world. They were to be knit together by provincial and national councils into a great international "organisation" whose aim was peace. In every branch enthusiasts for the cause were to meet together constantly, to study world problems, to follow the activities of Geneva and bring to bear an overwhelmingly strong current of well-informed public opinion upon the chancelleries of

the world. They were to combine the efficiency of Rotary with the enthusiasm of the Salvation Army. The thing, of course, never worked. People were not going to meet together to study problems of great importance to the world but having no definite connection with their own affairs. The average branch of the League of Nations Union in England, and a few still exist, has an annual meeting, as well attended as most of such functions, and some sort of social gathering. A professional lecturer from the Union's headquarters gives an address on the League's services to Australia and Hungary, etc.; light refreshments are served and when dancing starts the conversation goes back to things in which the members are interested.

When the recent Naval Conference was held there was certainly no public outcry for a settlement of the matter in dispute, no hustling of statesmen and experts through the thickets of practical difficulties into the Utopian country where nations dwell in peace and amity. The ordinary man, it seems, would sooner pay a little extra in taxes and face the prospect of war than be organised into supporting people to make a fuss on pacifist lines. Of course, if a nation really wants anything it gets it. Mr. Lloyd George was put into power during the Great War by popular demand. He was hustled out when he nearly embarked on another war with Turkey. Mr. BALDWIN was ejected because he flirted with taxes on food. But there is no popular demand with any driving power behind it for disarmament and compulsory arbitration. The average man sees that limitation of armaments is illusory. Limitations can always be evaded and "parity" is a will-of-the-wisp. There is no standard of measurement. How would the Shanghai Defence Force be compared with, say, the Shantung army of CHANG TSOHO CHANG with its predilection for running away?

Very little can be hoped for from these formal conferences which have been tried in large numbers since the war. Disarmament will have to grow out of a genuine confidence between nations. It will have to come, like the discarding of weapons of civilians, out of more ordered world conditions. Such a state of affairs has not been reached. The "last war," experts tell us, has yet to be fought and they have good reason for their belief.

A musicale is being held at the Helena May Institute to-day, at 5.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. James Valentine left for Home by the s.s. *Persuade* on Tuesday.

On Tuesday two cases of enteric one British and the other Chinese were reported. One Chinese case of diphtheria was also notified.

The annual ordinary meeting of Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., will be held to-day at 11 a.m., at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Mr. H. J. Timperley arrived in the Colony on Tuesday from Australia. He is proceeding to Peking to take up a journalistic appointment.

Major and the Hon. Mrs. Warner left London on January 5th for Hong Kong, where Major Warner joins the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards.

Entries for the first extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, which is to be held on Saturday, February 25th, close on Monday, February 20th, at noon. Entry forms are now available.

In a report made to the police by the master of the Ling Lee Bakery, of No. 343, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, he alleges that his *foki* collected \$41 on behalf of the firm and absconded with money.

A Chinese woman who fell over the verandah of 204, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Monday, while leaning out to hang some clothing, died in the Kwong Wah Hospital shortly after admission.

Among the recent appointments made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies appears the name of Mr. J. R. Morison as a cadet for Hong Kong.

The 40th Ordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong and Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., will be held to-day, at 12.30 p.m., at the Board Room, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited.

Comdr. Malcolm Sprackley, R.N., was married to Miss Joanna Allen at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on January 14th. Commander Sprackley, who had only just returned from China, was on the *Prohiber*, the Admiral's flagship.

The case in which two women were charged with harbouring an unmarried girl and two boys, was concluded before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when both defendants were sent to prison for six months. Sergeant Fitches prosecuted.

A fire broke out yesterday morning at No. 53, Lai-Chi-Kok Road, Shumshupo, Kowloon. Three appliances were sent to the spot, but the fire had already been extinguished. Some damage was done to a wall and to some bedding.

Major Sir Douglas M. B. Hall, of the Coldstream Guards, was amongst the passengers leaving here by the s.s. *President Madison* yesterday, being accompanied by Lady Hall. He served in the Great War, being mentioned three times in despatches and awarded the D.S.O.

Mr. A. N. Braude, of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, has reported to the police that 880 yards of telephone wire between North Point and Stanley Terrace were cut and stolen some time between Sunday and Tuesday. A report has also been made by the P.W.D. that 1,000 yards of Government wire had been cut between the same points.

The February Criminal Sessions are to open at the Supreme Court next Thursday, February 16th. There is a fairly heavy calendar, and the Sessions will probably continue well into the following week. The cases down for trial include the prisoners charged in connection with the police shooting affray on December 7th last, when Police Sergeant McMahon and others were wounded; the case of manslaughter against a Chinese student; and a number of robbery cases. Mr. F. C. Jenkin has been briefed for the defence in the Chinese student case.

An extraordinary account of a ship's captain who carried a grain of rice in his ear from his wedding day, until thirty-six years after, when the foreign body caused a superficial ulceration, is given by Dr. William P. Kennedy in the current issue of the "British Medical Journal." Dr. Kennedy treated the captain for bronchitis at Yokohama Hospital. The patient's energetic coughing dislodged the grain of rice from its bed, and when it was removed the captain remarked, "It must have been there since the day I got married."

THEATRE ROYAL.

BANVARD MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

QUEEN HIGH.

"Queen High" has all the ingredients requisite for successful musical comedy, and it was exceedingly well presented by the Banvard Company at the Theatre Royal last evening. It was a pity, therefore, that it did not receive a larger measure of public support. The stalls were filled but there were a good many empty seats in the Dress Circle.

The entertainments which the Banvard Company are giving are of the type which are usually very popular in Hong Kong and packed houses should be the rule. "Queen High," for example, is full of amusing incidents. There are a number of attractive tunes and a great deal of pretty dancing; and Mr. Frank Atkinson and Mr. John Hagan are two clever actors who may be relied upon to chase away dull care. When they are upon the stage, there is never a dull moment.

The play was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Laughter came easily and spontaneously and appreciation was shown by a number of demands for encores. Plot, of course, was non-existent. The whole story, and the situations it evokes, are extravagant and absurd. But that is of little moment. The entertainment was light, and jocular and mirth provoking. Such is the standard by which it is meant to be judged, and it certainly fulfilled all demands in these respects. To-night "Katja the Dancer" will be repeated.

POLICE OFFICER'S DEATH.

ACTING SUB-INSPECTOR M. R. DICKINSON.

PUZZLING ATTACK OF FEVER.

We regret to announce the death of acting Sub-Inspector M. R. Dickinson who passed away yesterday evening at the Government Civil Hospital.

The deceased was about 30 years of age, single, and a native of Scotland. He was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. The exact cause of his death is not yet known, but at the time of his admission he was unable to speak. He had a very high temperature and his pulse was so rapid that an exact time could not be taken.

He had complained a few days before entering the Hospital of a severe headache, and it is presumed that he carried on with his duties. A post-mortem is to take place to-morrow morning, and the late officer will be buried in the afternoon with full police honours.

Sub-Inspector Dickinson saw active service in France and after the war he joined the Hong Kong Police Force. He had been with them for the past 8 years. He had just returned from Home leave and since then had been charged with the supervision of the hawkers.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN KENNEDY.

LATE MANAGER OF H.K. & S. BANK AT MANILA.

There are many in the Far East, specially in Hong Kong and Manila, who will regret to learn of the death at his home, New Lodge, Birnam, Dunkeld, in Perthshire, on January 8th, of Mr. John Kennedy, late manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank at Manila.

The son of the late Mr. Robert Kennedy, Muirlands, Auchtergaven, Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Head Office staff of the Bank at Hong Kong for a number of years until his transfer to Manila, where he became manager about 1902. An ardent Scotsman, with a great fund of native wit and humour, he fitted into life in the Philippines capital and became as popular with the American community of Manila as he had been with his "brother Scots" in the British Colony. The result was that he completely established himself there until his retirement some years ago. He would be about 60 years of age.

THE "PRESIDENT MADISON."

The American Mail liner *President Madison* left Hong Kong yesterday morning at nine o'clock, en route to Victoria and Seattle, via Shanghai and Japan.

She carried a capacity list of first-class passengers, and a large number of steerage. Of the total of 134 first class passengers on board, 103 were from Hong Kong, and of the 233 steerage passengers, 190 were from this port.

Among the first class passengers leaving on the liner were:—Mr. P. A. Cox, General Agent of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Co., Ltd., Shanghai, returning to that City; Mr. and Mrs. Li Ming and family, on a business trip to Shanghai. Mr. Li Ming is prominent in Chinese banking circles; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Eden, going through to Seattle. Mr. Eden is a well-known business man in Seattle and has been on a combined pleasure and business trip to the East; Dr. R. H. Marton, a London physician on a tour round-the-world, accompanied by his brother, Mr. H. Marton, who is a retired civil engineer of London; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alberts, Dutch residents of Batavia, Java, travelling to Holland via the United States.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.30 p.m., stated:—The anti-cyclone remains unchanged. Strong moonoon will continue along the S.E. coast and fresh moonoon over the China Sea. Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

FENG'S TROOPS TAKE EIGHTY "WHITE" RUSSIANS PRISONER.

THE NEW NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.

MOST OF THE KUOMINTANG LEADERS INCLUDED. NEW KUOMINTANG DECLARATION OF POLICY.

NORTHERN GENERALS AND FENG'S CAMPAIGN.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT STILL REFERRING TO "UNEQUAL TREATIES."

THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.

NEW COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEE AND MILITARY COUNCIL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8th.

A telegram from Nanking states that it has been decided that the Government Council shall consist of 49 members, of whom the Standing Committee will comprise Tan Yen Kai as Chairman, Li Lich Chun, Tsai Yuan Pei, Chang Ching Kiang and Yu Yueh Jen, while the Military Council totals 73 with a Standing Committee of 12 leading Nationalist Generals with Chiang Kai Shek as Chairman.

(Wah Tz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8th.

At the final session of the Kuomintang Conference the following appointments were made:

The Political Committee of the Nationalist Government:—Yu Yao Jen, Wang Chung Hui, Bei Chung Hsi, C. C. Wu, Chu Pei Teh, Li Chung Jen, Li Lich Chun, Wang Chung Wei, Hu Han Min, Hsu Chung Hsi, Ho Ying Chien, T. V. Soong, Lin Sen, Sun Fo, Chang Ching Kiang, Yen Shih Shian, Tsai Yu Hsiang, Chiang Kai Shek, Tai Chi Tao, Tan Yan Kai, Ho Seng Ying (or Mrs. Liao Chung Kai) and some others, the total number being 49.

The Standing Committee consists of Tan Yan Kai, Li Lich Chun, Tsai Yuan Pei, Chang Ching Kiang and Yu Yao Jen.

The Military Council Standing Committee members are:—Tan Yan Kai, Wang Chung Hui, Chang Ching Kiang, Ho Ying Chien, Li Chung Jen, Li Tsi Hsiang, Chu Pei Teh, Bei Chung Hsi, Yu Yao Jen, and Yueng Shu Cheong. Chiang Kai Shek acts as chairman.

NEW CRUISER FOR CHINA STATION.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" COMMISSIONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 7th.

The new 10,000-ton cruiser Suffolk was commissioned at Portsmouth for service on the China Station and proceeds to Devonport for trials on February 16th.

NEW KUOMINTANG DECLARATION.

(Wah Tz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8th.

A Kuomintang declaration was discussed, important points contained in it being:—

"Henceforth the Kuomintang will adhere to the policies and principles laid down by Sun Yat Sen.

An endeavour will be made to get rid of all corruptive and radical elements from officialdom. Improved higher education, as well as compulsory education among the masses.

Developing China's natural resources and agriculture.

The Kuomintang will continue to hold the view that unless foreign powers immediately voluntarily surrender the "unequal treaties," international peace cannot be firmly maintained.

KUOMINTANG PLENARY SESSION ENDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Feb. 8th.

The fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang ended this afternoon. Important decisions were arrived at including firstly a nation-wide reorganisation of all members of the Kuomintang within three years; secondly, that the third national congress of the Kuomintang be held on August 1st, and thirdly, that all previous proposals and resolutions in connection with the policy of alliance with the Soviet and Communist party be cancelled and annulled.

DISASTROUS STORMS IN JAPAN.

DAMAGE TO SHIPPING AND COMMUNICATIONS.

MANY WRECKS AND LIVES LOST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 8th.

Violent snowstorms in Northern Japan have caused a number of deaths, damage to shipping and a general disruption of communications.

The wrecks include eight motor boats, which capsized off the Hokkaido Coast. The bodies of 13 fishermen have been washed ashore and many others are believed to have been drowned.

BRITISH LEGION PRESIDENT.

ADMIRAL JELICOE TO SUCCEED EARL HAIG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 8th.

The National Executive Council of the British Legion have invited Admiral Earl Jellicoe to become President of the Legion in succession to the late Field Marshal Earl Haig.

SOVIET AND JAPAN.

VISCONT GOTO'S VISIT TO MOSCOW.

All the Soviet authorities in Moscow are exerting themselves to an unusual extent to create a favourable impression on Viscount Goto, President of the Japanese Russian Committee, who is head of the Japanese delegation which is visiting Soviet Russia to study economic conditions. Viscount Goto, states a message from Riga, has been the guest of honour at festivities and receptions, and a "special evening" arranged in his honour on January 3rd was attended by many Soviet officials, including Lunacharsky, Soviet Commissar of Education.

In the course of a speech, Lunacharsky spoke of the many common interests of Soviet Russia and Japan, in view of which they must tighten the bonds of friendship and co-operation.

Viscount Goto's hopes of closer cultural and economic ties, "although the path is strewn with great difficulties and much work." He complimented the "energetic Soviet statesmen who have already accomplished more than we expected."

Viscount Goto referred to the plans for ricefield concessions in the Far East which are at present under discussion, credit facilities, and other measures necessary for a rapid development of Japanese-Soviet trade.

Viscount Goto and the Japanese Envoy in Moscow, Mr. Tanaka, visited Kalinin, President of the Central Executive Committee. An official announcement issued afterwards stated that "every aspect of Soviet-Japanese relations was developing satisfactorily."

Viscount Goto arrived in Leningrad on January 4th from Moscow.

BELGIUM AND CHINA.

THE APPEAL TO THE HAGUE.

A Brussels telegram reports receipt of a statement from Peking to the effect that as a result of Belgium's unilateral denunciation of the Treaty of Commerce and Consular Privileges, the Chinese Government has decided that Belgian nationals arrested by the Chinese should be surrendered to the nearest Consulate for trial according to international law. The statement also announced that the Chinese Minister with proposals for a fresh Treaty, providing Belgium with a right of appeal to the Hague Court to defer confirmation of the decision, that this was done and negotiations for a Treaty were proceeding.

With reference to the above, another statement is made in Brussels by Belgian official circles. These circles say no new fact has arisen since April last, when the Belgian Government asked the Hague Court to consider the case arising out of the unilateral denunciation of the Sino-Belgian Treaty of 1897 by the Peking Government. These circles further say they have no knowledge of Belgian subjects having been arrested by the Chinese authorities to be handed over to the nearest Consulate for trial according to international law.

Further, it is pointed out that the Belgian Government announced several months ago that it was negotiating for a fresh Treaty of Commerce with the Chinese Government, and that the negotiations are still proceeding.

LONDON-NEW YORK AIR SERVICE.

U.S. CABINET DISCUSS SCHEME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8th.

Commander Burney's London and New York Air Service Scheme was discussed by the Cabinet, who instructed Mr. Hoover to investigate, as to means towards assisting American interests desiring to participate therein.

The Navy is prepared to allow airships the use of the landing mast in New Jersey, dated London, January 12th, stated: Commander Burney, M.P., has called for New York to discuss with American financiers the establishment of a tri-weekly Anglo-American air service.

NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO ROME.

HINKLER SUCCEEDS IN ATTEMPT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, February 7th.

The first non-stop flight from London to Rome was accomplished to-day by Bert Hinkler, the British aviator, in the course of his flight to Australia.

Newall and Vincent, who are en route to Singapore, have arrived here from Paris.

SVEN HEDIN'S EXPEDITION.

EXPLORING DESERTS IN THE HEART OF ASIA.

"ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES" ENCOUNTERED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STOCKHOLM, February 8th.

A telegram has been received here from Sven Hedin, who in the spring of last year set out with a great scientific expedition to explore little known deserts in the heart of Asia.

He states that he arrived safely in the Hami Province of Sinkiang, east of Turkestan from Pao-chow, on the eastern border of the province of Shansi. His ultimate objective is Urumtsi, 350 miles from Hami.

The expedition is composed of Swedish, German and Chinese experts in geography, meteorology and archaeology and is equipped with hundreds of camels. They encountered "enormous difficulties," and were delayed 50 days.

C.M.S. FINANCES.

BIG LEGACY AND REPARATIONS.

FAR BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 8th.

The deficit of £70,000 with which the Church Missionary Society closed its financial year is wiped off by a forthcoming legacy of £40,000 and the receipt of £33,300 from the Palestine Reparations Commission as compensation in respect of property.

Doctor Harold Balme, ex-president of the Shanghai Christian University, said the outlook was far brighter than a year ago. The Chinese church had come well through a testing time.

COMMERCIAL AVIATION PROJECT.

APPROVED BY PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HAYAMA, Feb. 8th.

The Pan-American Conference has adopted the project of a Trans-Continental highway to stretch the entire length of North, Central and South America.

KING OF AFGHANISTAN.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH FRANCE.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 8th.

The King of Afghanistan declared to Le Matin how delighted he was with his entertainment in France and how deeply impressed he had been by all he had seen. He added that he realized that a nation possessing such a rich past ought to be great in the present and the future.

An unknown man whose body was found mutilated on Hungerford Bridge, over which the Southern Railway runs, had in his pocket twenty-seven picture postcards, one of which bore a photograph resembling the man himself, and suggested that he might have been in one of the Surrey Regiments. It came from China, and it is probable that the man served during the recent troubles in Shanghai.

ATTACK ON A MEXICAN TRAIN.

AIRMEN SWOOP DOWN SUCCESSFULLY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Mexico City, Feb. 8th.

Federal guardsmen aboard a train between Guadalajara and Manzanillo were hard pressed by attacking revolutionaries, who had succeeded in dynamiting a passenger coach, when Federal aeroplanes swooped down and bombed the rebels.

The latter scattered, leaving 14 killed. Four Federalists were injured.

THE AMENDED PRAYER BOOK.

GENERAL APPROVAL MOTION PASSED.

POSTPONEMENT OF MEASURE DEFEATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 7th.

The motion in favour of the general approval of the amended prayer book was submitted to each of the three Houses of the Church Assembly to-day. The motion in the House of Laity pointed out that general approval did not commit any member as regards the ultimate vote or any proposed amendment.

Considerable differences of opinion were manifested in each House. Mr. Athelstan Riley in the House of Laity, proposing a postponement of the measure till 1931 predicted a revolt of the whole High Church Party against the measure. Dame Caroline Bridgeman said that postponement would mean that the cry "No Popery" would be raised at the General Election.

Sir Thomas Laskip, K.C. (the Solicitor-General) declared that the book was impossible while perpetual reservation was retained in it. The postponement was defeated. The House of Clergy voted in favour of the general approval by 247 votes to 35, while the Bishops also passed the motion by 35 votes to 5. The minority Bishops were Norwich, Worcester, Birmingham, Exeter and Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The House of Laity adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Laity's Vote. The House of Laity by 194 votes to 80 generally approved of the Prayer Book measure.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION ON STEAMER.

THREE FRENCHMEN DEAD.

MANY NATIVES KILLED AND INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANOI, February 7th.

Three Frenchmen and forty natives were killed outright by an explosion on a mail-steamer in the Mekong River near Thakhek to-day. Scores of natives were injured.

The explosion is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion of a cargo of petrol.

The dead include a large number of native passengers, while many such were sent to hospital with serious injuries.

Two important French officials and an ex-deputy were among the victims of the disaster.

RUBBER RESTRICTIONS.

COMPANY CHAIRMAN HOPES FOR MORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, February 7th.

That abolition of the rubber restriction measures would mean that the price of rubber would fall to 6d. per pound, was the opinion expressed by Sir Edward Rosling, the Chairman of the Anglo-Ceylon General Estates Company, on his arrival in Colombo.

He declared that he saw not the slightest reason to hope for the abolition of restriction, on the contrary, he hoped that Ceylon would still further tighten the measures.

EIGHT-HOUR CONVENTION.

FRENCH OPPOSE REVISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 7th.

The Government has decided to oppose any proposal to revise the Washington eight-hour day convention.

The Government maintains the attitude taken up on the occasion of the ratification of the convention by the French Parliament, namely that France's acceptance is conditional on Britain's and Germany's ratifying.

THE COMMONS AND CHINA.

UNITED FRONT AS TO BRITISH POLICY.

THE BOXER FUNDS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBBY, February 8th.

Before the House of Commons proceeded with the debate on H.M. the King's speech, the Premier said that since the House last met the country and Empire had sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Earl Haig. He proposed to-morrow to move a resolution, which he hoped would express the feelings of the House.

The Home Secretary gave notice that at an early date he would introduce a bill extending women's franchise.

China Policy.

In the debate on the address, in reply to H.M. the King's speech, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, welcomed most sincerely the reference made in the speech to China. He said it was most gratifying to know that troops were being withdrawn from China. He hoped negotiations now going on to renew the treaty of arbitration with the United States might be broadened out so that the issues raised at Geneva might again be considered with a view to a complete settlement.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, also welcomed the reference in the King's speech regarding China. He was very glad the Foreign Secretary and Government had come to the conclusion that things had improved to such an extent that it would be possible to withdraw quite a large number of troops from China. He wished it had been possible to say things had improved to such an extent that all troops could be withdrawn, but it was quite clear that that happy state of things had not yet been reached. He reminded the House that he had throughout supported the Government's policy in China, and expressed satisfaction that not only had the Government and Foreign Secretary adhered to the important declaration which Sir Austen Chamberlain made a year ago regarding the intentions of the Government, but that despite difficulties which had since been encountered they had come to the conclusion that they saw no reason for departing from that exceedingly wise policy. He called attention to the great difficulties which existed in China, remarking that there was no Government there which could be depended upon to exist beyond a few weeks, which made the task of any foreign government in regard to negotiations very difficult. He dwelt on the favourable effect abroad which would be created by the policy of the Government in adhering to the declaration made a year ago.

Arbitration. Dealing with the proposed new treaty of arbitration with the United States, Mr. Lloyd George asked whether it would include every subject of dispute. He said the failure of the Geneva Conference had been most disastrous and made it more necessary that some treaty of this kind should be entered upon between the two Governments which would exclude even the possibility of war, and exclude even discussion regarding war between the two countries. If that were done there would be an end to discussions of rival armaments and there would be a new temper brought about which would achieve very great results. He emphasised the importance of fostering a spirit of goodwill, co-operation and partnership in foreign affairs between this country and the United States.

Premier's Reply. The Premier stated that the paragraph in the King's speech relating to China was inserted on purpose that it might be read throughout the world, in that prominent position. He was glad the endorsement given to it, both by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George, would make it a national policy, and that the whole world would recognise it as such. With regard to the American arbitration treaty this was a difficult and technical subject.

The Foreign Secretary proposed to deal to-morrow afternoon with any point regarding foreign policy which might be raised in the debate.

The Boxer Funds.

LONDON, February 7th.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that all sections in China ought to be made aware that Britain supported a policy which sympathised with full self-government for China, and hoped to co-operate therewith for common purposes in a most friendly and whole-hearted way. There should be no doubt in China that we were still anxiously awaiting a political opportunity to carry into effect the statement of our policy made a year ago.

Mr. MacDonald added that people were not quite satisfied with the Government taking a negative waiting attitude. He suggested that the Boxer Funds be used now to do beneficial things in China for the country's advancement.

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THE STATUTORY COMMISSION.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

MADRAS MAGISTRATE TAKES ACTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBBY, February 8th.

Sir John Simon, Chairman of the Indian Statutory Commission, has addressed a letter to the Viceroy of India in which, to allay misconception, he set forth the intentions of the Commission.

Instead of the Commission dealing with these documents by itself he proposes that they, and evidence given in explanation, or amplification of them, shall come before the "Joint free conference," over which he will preside, consisting of seven British Commissioners and a corresponding body of representatives chosen by the Indian legislature.

Sir John Simon continues "We put forward a plan of a joint free conference, not only because we should welcome the assistance of colleagues from the Indian legislatures, but because we think it is only right and fair and in the true interests of India and Britain alike that opportunity should be provided for such memoranda and testimony elucidated from the Indian side on free and equal terms."

He suggests that the two Houses of the Central legislature should be invited to choose from their own official members a joint committee, which might conveniently be seven in number, and that each local Legislative Council should be asked to constitute a similar body. The Indian side of the conference would consist, when central subjects were being dealt with, of those first named. At the provincial sittings, the Indian wing would consist primarily of provincial members of the Central Joint Committee to be present also. He urges that one of the methods of a joint conference, which besides securing due recognition of equal status, it provides opportunity for a free exchange of views, and mutual influence which are best calculated to promote the largest measure of agreement possible.

Indian Party Leaders' Attitude.

NEW DELHI, February 7th.

The party leaders have made a joint statement emphasising their objections to the Commission based on principles which were not affected by Sir John Simon's statement. Hence they maintain their decision to have nothing to do with the Commission at any stage or in any form.

Coping With Madras Mischief.

MADRAS, February 8th.

The Chief Magistrate of the Presidency has banned for a month meetings by the Boycott Committee held for the purpose of organising a hartal. During the Simon Commission's visit to Madras publication of posters and the organisation of volunteers for propaganda are also prohibited.

LAI'D TO REST.

FINAL PHASE OF EARL HAIG'S OBSEQUIES.

HOMELY SCENE AT THE FAMILY VAULT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBBY, February 8th.

The remains of the late Earl Haig were laid to rest in the ancestral vault at Dryburgh Abbey this afternoon with simple ceremony. Instead of the great war leaders, who were pall-bearers at the funeral ceremony in Westminster Abbey, the Field Marshal's last escort consisted of eight of his employees, game-keeper, butler, gardeners and grooms. The only splash of colour was provided by the uniforms of a few representatives of the services. Thousands of people of the countryside lined the route.

TOURIST AGENCY FUSION.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH COMPANIES COMBINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 7th.

A fusion of interests has been arranged between the famous touring agents Thomas Cook & Son, Ltd., and associated companies and the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits. Some of the directors of the latter concern will join Messrs. Cook's boards, but the Cook businesses will be carried on as corporate bodies as heretofore.

The Naval Conference.

In conclusion, the Labour leader said the failure of the Geneva Naval Conference was a warning to the Foreign Office that the policy of peace by international agreement was an affair for the Foreign Office, not for the Army, Navy and Air Force.

RACING NOTES.

(By RAPIER.)

The selling lotteries commence this evening at 8.30 at Volunteer Headquarters when the Valley Stakes and The Derby will be dealt with. The programme will be continued at the same hour to-morrow evening and on Tuesday. There will be a dinner at 5 p.m. Members who intend to be present should lose no time in notifying the Secretary of their intention and the names of their guests. It would be a great pity if this excellent venture was not the success it deserves to be because of the lack of a little thought on the part of the members.

Below will be found a few times taken at The Valley yesterday morning. *Wansome Stag* went well and this is a pony that should not be neglected as he is a possible winner on the opening day. The Shanghai jockeys had a busy morning, trying out the sube with a view to picking the best of the bunch.

Mr. R. M. Dyer has returned to the Colony looking very fit and is down at the Course every morning. His stable has not had much luck in the draw although *Loch Tay* is not to be despised. *Baloo*, *Understand*, is lame and unlikely to start at the meeting. This is Mr. Sim's best sub. and he will now have to centre his hopes on *Kaa* which is not too bad.

Wansome Stag, 1 mile: 31; 1.05.2; 1.37.2; 2.04.2; 2.42. Last gr. 33.3.

Bakers Bay and *Coco Bay*, 1 mile: 33; 1.08; 1.41; 2.13.2. Last gr. 32.2.

Handsome Stag, 1 mile: 34.8; 1.08; 1.42.1; 2.18.1. Last gr. 36.

Deep Water Bay, 1 mile: 39.2; 1.18; 1.50.3; 2.23. Last gr. 33.3.

Erstwhile, 1 mile: 36.9; 1.09.1; 1.41.1. Last gr. 32.

Movanagher, 2 mile: 39.2; 1.12; 1.44. Last gr. 33.

Sitting Bull, 1 mile: 33.3; 1.09.2; 1.43.3; 2.13.2. Last gr. 31.4.

Meanwhile and *Horsford*, 1 mile: 39; 1.12.2; 1.43.4. Last gr. 31.4.

Kaa, 1 mile: 39.1; 1.13.3; 1.46.1. Last gr. 32.3.

Dumfries, 1 mile: 35.4; 1.11.2; 1.40.1; 2.18.4. Last gr. 32.3.

Young Pretender, 1 mile: 40; 1.20; 1.50; 2.25. Last gr. 33.

Heir Apparent, 1 mile: 35; 1.09.2; 1.43.4; 2.18; 2.49. Last gr. 31.

The Haugh, 1 mile: 41; 1.13.4; 1.45.2. Last gr. 31.3.

GREYHOUND RACING.

STATUS OF NATIONAL SPORT.

LONDON, January 18th.

With the creation of a National Greyhound Racing Club as the governing body, greyhound racing to-day assumed the status of a national sport.

The new body will work on similar lines to the Jockey Club. Administer a code of rules, issue licences for tracks and officials, keep a register of all dogs, and generally supervise racing in the British Isles. Among the five stewards invited to act in the ensuing year is the famous international rugby player, W. W. Wakefield.

CHESS.

Last week's match on the Colony's chess championship (promoted by the Kowloon Chess Club) between B. C. Randall and J. C. Faeris has been re-played owing to the wrong colours being assigned. The former then won, but the latter is credited with a point, having won in the re-play.

Other results: Sir Henry Pollock beat S. G. Kumble and A. W. Hawker; S. L. Hussain beat C. E. Wong; C. Choa beat Kumble; Randall beat "Another"; Kumble beat "Another."

SENORITA ALVAREZ' MEMOIRS.

TENNIS STAR TO EXPOSE "AMATEURS."

MONTIC CALICO.

Senorita Alvarez, the famous Spanish tennis champion, is writing her memoirs, "Confessions of a Lawn Tennis Player," which promise to expose skeletons in the cupboards of the amateur tennis players.

The Spanish "star" is living with her parents in a tiny mountain hotel above Mentone, putting the finishing touches to her book. Her friends say that her "confessions" will be "rather shocking," in that she will prove that amateur tennis is not so "amateur" as it seems.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET.

ANNUAL INTER-FACULTY MATCHES.

MEDICALS BEAT ENGINEERS.

The first of the Annual Inter-Faculty Matches of the local University in which the Medical, Engineering and Arts Faculties compete, was decided yesterday on the Union Ground, Pokfulam, when the Medicals beat the Engineers. The second match which has been fixed for Wednesday next, will be between the Medicals and the Arts, while the remaining match between the Arts and Engineers will be played on the following Wednesday.

At yesterday's match A. A. Rumjahn (Medical) distinguished himself by contributing 54 runs and then taking 6 wickets for 32 runs. The winners batted first and compiled 156 runs, Redmond (Arts) being responsible for dismissing four of his opponents at the cost of 36 runs only. The Engineers replied with 114 runs, W. M. Gittins being top scorer with 30.

The details follow:—

Medical.

A. A. Rumjahn, st. Kermani, b. Redmond 54
D. Ling, b. Aziz 8
E. A. Lee, b. Redmond 3
C. W. Lam, c. F. S. Chen, b. Gittins 12
A. D. Gutierrez, run out 16
A. Chan Fook, b. Gittins 18
Dr. D. K. Samy, c. Kermani, b. Redmond 1
B. N. Sudan, c. Kermani, b. Redmond 1
S. S. Chien, c. Kermani, b. Redmond 1
K. T. Loke, not out 10
F. Hipoola, st. Kermani, b. Redmond 1
Extras 24

156

Bowling Analysis.

A. B. Suleman 5 1 23 1
W. M. Gittins 10 3 43 3
A. A. Aziz 8 1 25 1
F. A. Redmond 9 2 36 4

Engineers.

S. R. Kermani, c. Loke, b. Lam 13
H. T. Barnes, run out 10
W. M. Gittins, b. Rumjahn 30
Dr. M. B. Osmann, b. Gittins 4
A. H. Boffey, c. Chan Fook, b. Lam 20
T. W. Chong, b. Rumjahn 0
F. S. Chien, c. Sudan, b. Rumjahn 5
F. A. Redmond, b. Rumjahn 1
A. B. Suleman, b. Rumjahn 1
A. A. Aziz, c. Rumjahn, b. Lam 4
H. Schroter, b. Rumjahn 8
S. Chan, not out 1
Extras 21

114

Bowling Analysis.

Gutierrez 7 2 40 0
Lam 12 9 54 3
Rumjahn 17 4 52 0
Samy 5 3 8 0
Lee 2 1 6 0
Hipoola 2 1 1 0

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

WIN FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DURBAN, Feb. 7th.

South Africa, who had made 230 for 5 at the tea interval, raised their score to 332 for 7 before declaring. Casteral scored 119.

South Africa thus had a lead of 50 runs. At the close of play England had lost 1 wicket for 30 runs.

LATER.

There was rain during the night and the morning was overcast when play was resumed before only a moderate number of spectators. The wicket had been covered overnight and was fast.

At the lunch interval England had lost 4 wickets for 88 runs.

England scored 118. Bisset had 7 for 29.

South Africa are 69 for 2, winning by 8 wickets.

109 DESCENDANTS.

AN IRISH-AMERICAN WIDOW WHO LIVED 115 YEARS.

NEWPORT (Rhode Island).

Mrs. Mary O'Shea, born in Ireland 115 years ago, has just died leaving 41 grandchildren and 68 great-grandchildren.

She lived in America most of her life, and survived her husband 65 years.

A son, Major T. O'Shea, commanded a supply base of the British Army during the war, and a grandson, Captain Crosby Howard, commanded the first British tank in action against the German Army.

YACHTING.

YESTERDAY'S EVENT.

ROYAL NAVY SAIL AGAINST THE ARMY.

From the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday the Royal Navy sailed two races against the Army. The Army won both the morning and afternoon races, and on the day the margin was 13 points. It should be mentioned, however, that the Navy team to sail some of the smaller boats without Army crews, as the latter team were short-handed. This helped the Army considerably.

In the previous sailing races between the Navy and Army the Navy won by two points.

The course for the morning and afternoon races was the same, namely:—(1) Yawl Yacht *Queen Bee* (P); (2) Mark on Line (P); (3) Yawl Yacht *Queen Bee* (P). Distance 6 miles. The start for the morning race was made at 11.05, and for the afternoon race at 2.23.

THE RESULTS.

The results of both races, together with points were as follows. Figures in parentheses denote position gained:—

Morning Race.

ROYAL NAVY.

Finishing Time.	Pts.
<i>Fings</i> (9) 12.35.32	4
<i>Adanae</i> (4) 12.31.06	9
<i>Zephyr</i> (10) 12.30.11	3
<i>Gael</i> (7) 12.34.59	6
<i>Pierrette</i> (3) 12.35.28	5
<i>Alita</i> (5) 12.30.29	10

ARMY.

Finishing Time.	Pts.
<i>Bluenose</i> (1) 12.29.33	13
<i>Adela</i> (12) 12.38.53	1
<i>Lola</i> (5) 12.34.10	8
<i>Thekla</i> (11) 12.36.45	2
<i>Fishing</i> (8) 12.34.55	7
<i>Daphne</i> (2) 12.29.44	11

Afternoon Race.

NAVY.

Finishing Time.	Pts.
<i>Bluenose</i> (2) 3.37.56	11
<i>Adela</i> (9) 3.41.34	3
<i>Lola</i> (8) 3.41.45	6
<i>Thekla</i> (6) 3.41.24	7
<i>Fishing</i> (13) 3.45.35	2
<i>Daphne</i> (10) 3.42.50	4

ARMY.

Finishing Time.	Pts.
<i>Wing</i> (4) 3.40.39	9
<i>Adanae</i> (3) 3.39.59	10
<i>Zephyr</i> (11) 3.43.10	3
<i>Gael</i> (7) 3.41.44	D.N.F.
<i>Pierrette</i> (5) 3.41.12	8
<i>Alita</i> (1) 3.37.10	13

NAVY.

Morning points 37
Total 72

ARMY.

Morning points 42
Total 85

Grand Points.

To-day's Race 72 85
Previous Race 79 77
Total points 151 162

OCEAN YACHT RACE.

FROM NEW YORK TO SPAIN.

BARCELONA.

The Spanish ocean race will be one of the great sporting events of 1928.

The idea of organizing this big cruise is not a recent one. A Spanish ship, *Don Mariano Amodeo*, attached to the Spanish Embassy at Washington, was its initiator. He took part in the Boston regatta of 1910, which was a contest between three American and three Spanish yachts, and the result of the race was instrumental in deciding that it should have a second part.

Mr. Howard, an American yachtman who took part in the Boston trial, seconded the idea, and it was agreed that the contest should take the form of an Atlantic race, with a Spanish port as the goal.

All the details of this Atlantic contest have now been arranged. The participating yachts will be divided into two series, the first for vessels of 200/300 tons, exceeding 55 ft. waterline length and the second for those under those dimensions. In the boats of the big class a full professional crew will be allowed, but in the second class the only paid hands will be a cook and two deck hands.

The prizes will be a cup offered by King Alfonso for the larger class and another by Queen Victoria for the second series. The Santander municipality will also offer another cup.

The start from New York has been fixed for July 1st for the smaller boats, and the 5th or 6th of the same month for the big craft, with the idea that their arrival shall coincide. They will probably reach Santander during the closing days of July, when the royal fleet are at their height.

HOCKEY.

NAVY COMPLETE SIM SHIELD MATCHES.

CLUB AGAIN BEATEN.

The Navy completed their Sim Shield competition matches yesterday when they met the Hong Kong Hockey Club on the U.S.R.C. ground.

A surprise was in store for the Navy when at half time the score was a blank, this being due to good work by the Club defence. After the interval, however, the Navy players showed their superiority and scored four goals without giving any away. The scorers were McKenrick (3), Grave and Sladen.

The Navy won the trophy last season, and whether they will be allowed to retain it depends very much on what the Army has to say. Three teams have each beaten the other once—the only points either has dropped and they have been more than a match for the other entrants. In their last game the Army should have no difficulty in beating the R.A.F. again and a tie in points with the Navy will result.

The Position To Date.

The positions of the Clubs to date are:—

P. W. L. D. F. A. P.
Navy 8 5 1 0 24 6 10
Army 5 4 1 0 18 9 8
Club 5 1 4 0 8 19 2
R.A.F. 4 0 4 0 2 16 0

BUTLER AND THE FUR COAT.

£123 GARMENT SOLD FOR £10.

Furs valued at several hundred pounds were displayed at the Marylebone Police Court as a result of a seizure made in Upper Holloway.

Augustus McCarthy (33), a butler, formerly in the service of Lieut. Colonel Arthur E. D. Anderson, a stockbroker, at Hyde Park-square, was charged with stealing a seal musquash fur coat and a quantity of jewellery and linen to the value of £250, belonging to Colonel Anderson. George Evans (37), furrier, of Gresham-road, Holloway, was charged with receiving the seal musquash coat, valued at £133, together with a musquash and skunk coat, a coney and beaver fur coat, nine fox furs, four fish furs, a wolf fur, and a squirrel tie.

Two Bracelets.

Detective Richard Dennis stated that when he saw McCarthy, the latter said, "I know who you are and what you want, and won't give you any trouble. I admit the offence and have had the property, and now I shall take my medicine, whatever it is, though this I expect I shall get it hot." Two bracelets were found upon him.

The officer went on to say that at midnight he went with Detectives Thorpe and Clark to Gresham-road, where he saw Evans. He told him that a man had been arrested for stealing a seal musquash coat, valued at 127 guineas, and had made a statement that he, a total stranger, had sold it to him for £10, without being asked for his name and address or any other particulars.

The officer added that he found the musquash coat in a locked cupboard in an upstairs room, and also took possession of the other furs produced in court. As they were descending the stairs Evans called to his wife, in the bedroom, "Someone has stopped me."

In reply to the charge, he said he did not know that the coat was stolen.

A remand was ordered, Evans being offered bail in £200.

STANDSTILL PLANE.

STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN MACHINE.

The Air Ministry has acquired.

with a view to construction, plans of a hovering air machine known as the "helicopter," the invention of an Italian engineer, Signor Vittorio Lascio.

A machine of this type is at Villacoublay, aerodrome, near Paris, where it has been inspected by our Air Ministry experts.

The principle embodied in the "helicopter" is that of a series of curved rotating wings, in which are mounted small engines and air-screws, which drive the wings round and round a central shaft.

The machine is intended to rise straight up off the ground, hover in mid-air, and descend vertically at the will of the pilot.

Horizontal motion is obtained by a separate engine and propeller, operating in the same way as the motor and screw of an ordinary aeroplane.

UMPIRING.

FRIVOLOUS CRICKET APPEALS.

AND KNOTTY POINTS.

A good deal has been written from time to time on alleged bad umpiring in cricket, writes White Coat in the *Daily Express*, and, as an umpire of some years' experience, my last seven years being with one of the oldest and best-known London clubs, I should like to point out a few things from the other side.

Undoubtedly every umpire makes mistakes, but the unfair umpire is rarely met with. I say "rarely" because he is not quite unknown, and many of the "mistakes" with which he is credited are mistaken beliefs on the part of those who imagine they are "victims."

Many appeals for l.b.w. are frivolous, the ball hitting the leg further from the wicket, but the bowler is convinced that the other leg was hit. The bowler probably has his mind set on the leg which is covering the wicket, but his appeal, all the same, is frivolous.

Other Ways.

Fieldsmen, generally do not realize that the "click" they hear when the ball goes somewhere near the bat, and is smartly caught, can be caused in other ways than by the ball touching the bat. Squaring is always sure that "not-out" is wrong in this case!

Lack of knowledge of the laws of the game and official rulings is very prevalent in the best club cricket, and a batsman has left the toe of his right foot on the crease to show me that my "stumped" decision was wrong!

I had called "out" in another match, being surprised that no appeal had been made for "lbw," and retired to square leg, and noticed that some slight discussion was taking place as the fieldmen crossed over. Before the next ball was bowled the appeal was made, and I signified the batsman was "out."

"How out?" was called from the scoring box, and I replied, "lbw." The batsman went out, but a member told me at the tea interval that my decision was incorrect—as "out" had been called. He was convinced afterwards.

Ortic At Fault.

In another match the same critic was again at fault when a ball hit a batsman's pads before touching his bat and going into the hands of first slip. The batsman did not quite realise what had happened until an appeal was made, and at the end of the innings I explained why the ball was not "dead."

I asked the doubtful one: "If a ball touched his foot or pad, and he hit it to the boundary, what would it be, four runs or four byes?" Then he saw his error, and he promptly replied "Four runs!"

A clear case of "lbw" came under notice, but the batsman played the ball after it hit his pad. He was allowed to continue his innings, as he was confident he played it. So he did, but he should not have been allowed a second innings so soon.

I find that many players do not know that an appeal can be made after "out" has been called, but not after the next ball has been bowled, nor after an interval. Again, the fact that the foot or the bat must be "behind" the crease, and not "on" or "touching" is not known by a great many more than would be supposed.

These incidents and comments will, I hope, show that it is not always the umpires who are at fault, and I often think of the many curious things that happen at cricket when I read the time-honoured criticism of the club cricket umpire.

THE DANCING HONEYMOON.

ACTOR'S WIFE IN THE CAVELL FILM.

Mrs. Roy Royston, formerly Mrs. Laura Gould, a member of the famous American "millionaire" family, is spending an unconventional honeymoon by dancing in "Dawn," the film dealing with the life of Nurse Cavell.

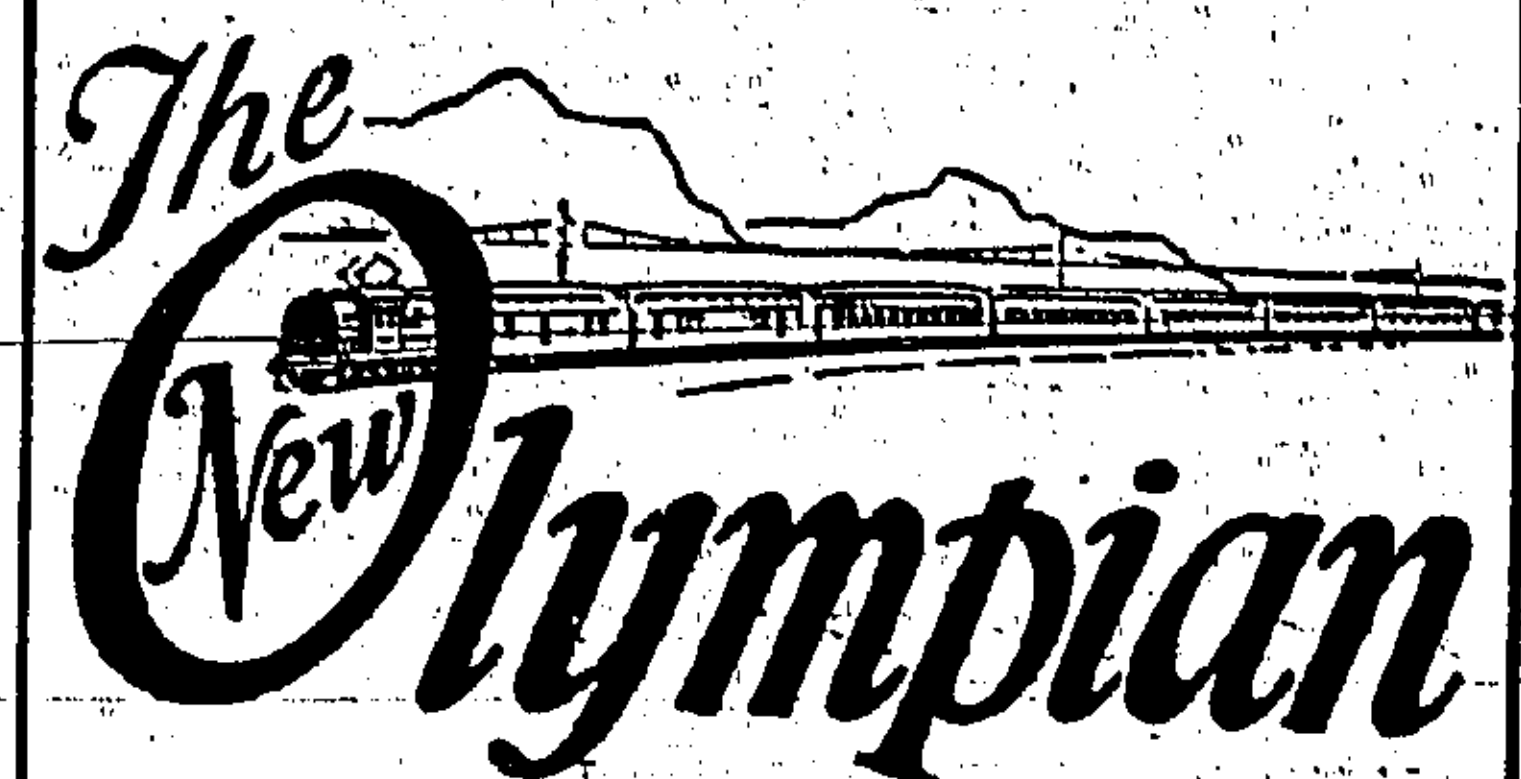
She plays the part of the favourite dancer of von Sauterwitz, who was the German military governor of Brussels.

The incident in which she appears is taken from life on the night before Nurse Cavell was to be shot. Von Sauterwitz was in his box at the theatre in Brussels watching his favourite.

Von Laeken, the German diplomat, went to the box and tried to persuade the governor to postpone the execution at the urgent request of Mr. Gibson, the first secretary of the American Legation in Brussels, and now Ambassador there.

Von Sauterwitz sent him roughly away, and refused to leave the theatre to meet Mr. Gibson.

A special theatre interior was built, which included a replica of the box used by the governor. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Brand Whitlock, then American Minister in Brussels, and von Sauterwitz are all represented by striking likenesses to the original men, which were obtained by the skillful use of make-up.



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HOW PARIS VIEWS THE LEG BATTLE.

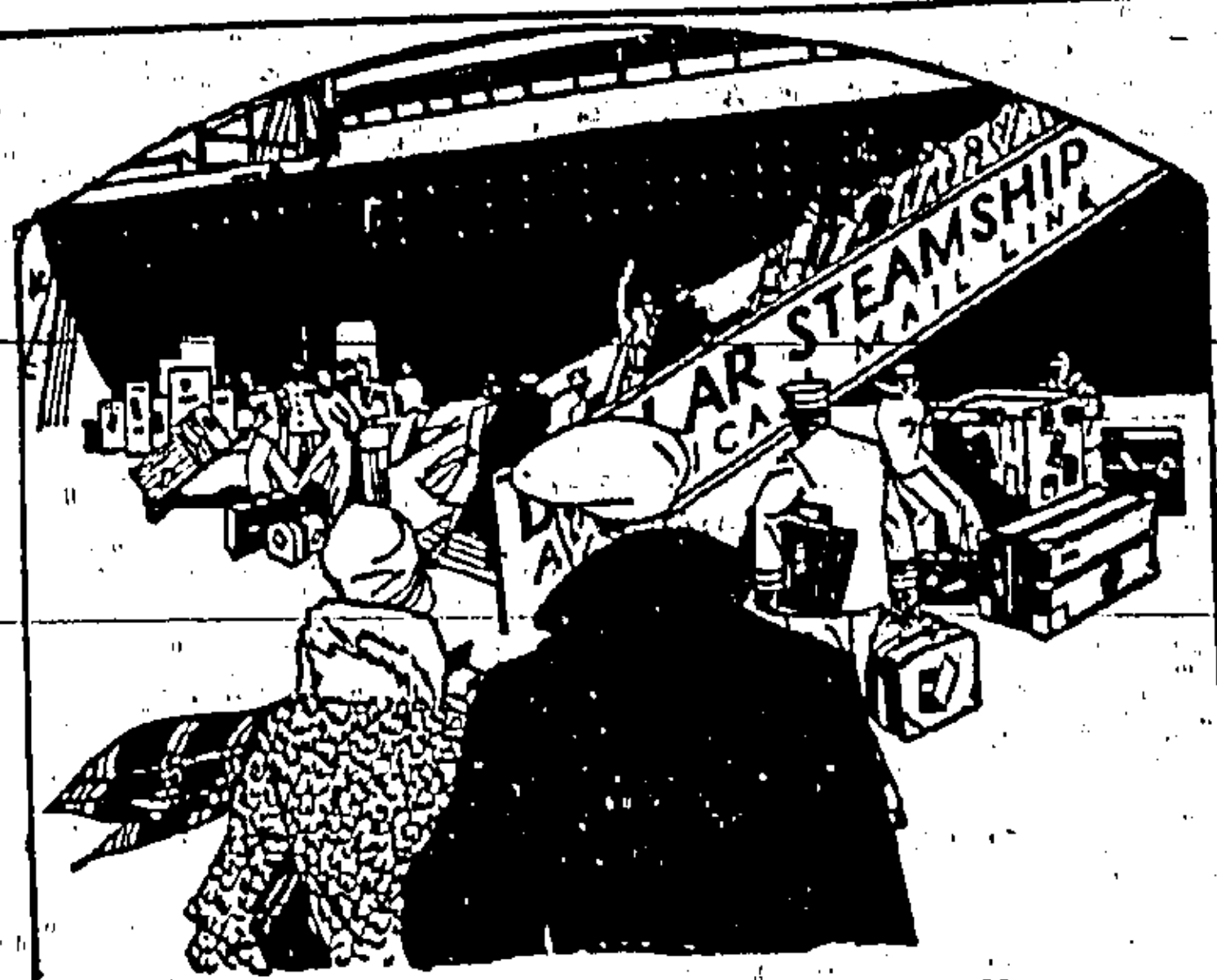
"MATTER OF TASTE."

PARIS, January 5th.

Skirts—or what is left of them—are shorter in London than they are in Paris, but the cult of the ugly knees and the general spread of legomania are as prevalent here as they are across the Channel; writes the Paris correspondent of the *Daily Express*.

One could at one time tell the nationality of a woman visitor by her hat; now one looks at her knees. If her stockings are rolled she is an American; if not she may be English. The French girls during the present cold snap wear thick woollen golf stockings over their silk stockings. The result gives a glimpse of what might be bare flesh in the region of the knees, and lunch-time in the Rue de la Paix resembles nothing so much as the march past of a Highland regiment.

Paris has not taken to the rolled stockings and even pretends to consider it "shocking" using the English word to describe what it feels about it.



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Wed. 15

THE "EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA."

THE SHIP AND HER PASSENGERS.

DUE HERE ON FRIDAY.

With 325 passengers, the *Empress of Australia*, is due to arrive at Hong Kong on Friday morning, on the fifth annual Canadian Pacific Round-the-World Cruise.

Sailing eastward from New York on December 2nd, her passenger personnel, comprising members of the British, French, Italian and Swedish nobility and many eminent men of the United States, Canada and the British Isles, spent Christmas in the Holy Land, New Year's Eve in Cairo and report perfect weather and ideal cruising conditions along the entire route.

They have visited Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Jerusalem, Cairo, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore and Manila. Following stopovers in China and Japan, the *Empress of Australia* will cross the Pacific to Hawaii and California, returning to New York by way of the Panama Canal, on April 12th.

Thence, she will proceed to Southampton with the English passenger, who comprise approximately a fourth of the aggregate.

Among those aboard are the Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Earl of Roslyn, Lady Williams-Taylor of Montreal, Sir Ely Kadorie of Shanghai, Prince Rodolphe del Drago and Prince Jerome Rospigliosi of Italy, Baron and Baroness d'Foucaucourt of Paris and Count Carl Stropf of Sweden.

Though this is her first world cruise, the *Empress of Australia* is well known on the Pacific, having plied the regular Canadian Pacific trade route between Vancouver and Hong Kong until 1926. Built at Seattle in 1913 as the *Tripoli*, the ex-Kaiser planned to rule the world from her decks. But she was not completed until after the war, when Great Britain acquired her from Germany and sold her to the Canadian Pacific. The *Empress of Australia* is well known for her sumptuous furnishings and the spaciousness of her staterooms. She is 615 feet long, 73 feet wide and has a gross tonnage of 21,965 tons. Passenger accommodation is distributed over seven decks, but owing to the limited, exclusive membership, only six are being used for the cruise.

Commanding her is Captain R. C. Latta, who also brought the *Empress of Scotland* to this port last year and the year before. In his crew are 348 men, including 50 officers. Wm. McInnes, veteran of three world cruises, is director-in-chief of the cruise. At the *Empress of Australia* Open Forum, cruise members freely review and discuss the divers ports of call. Dr. George W. Coleman, president of the Babson Institute, Wellesley Hills, Mass., is the chairman. He is known through the United States as the father of the Open Forum Movement, being president of the Open Forum National Council and director of the Ford-Hall Forum, Boston, which he founded in 1908. Before the Cruise is over the Open Forum will select its "most beautiful" sights, just as the Travel Club on the *Empress of Scotland* did last year when they chose as follows: "most beautiful" city, Honolulu; country, Japan; drive, Amalfi, near Naples; edifice, Taj Mahal, near Agra; Hong Kong; hotel, Royal Hawaiian, Honolulu; island, Oahu; ladies, Japanese; mountain, Fujiyama; stream, Nile; street, Promenade des Anglais, Nice; temple, Iyosun, Nikko; view, Nuuanu Pali, near Honolulu.

To pass the *Empress of Australia* through the Suez Canal tolls aggregating G.819,969.18 were paid, an average of G.1.63 for each of her 12,177 net tons.

GERMAN NAVAL RAID FRUSTRATED.

HOW CALCUTTA ESCAPED ATTACK DURING WAR.

Calcutta, January 20th.

A special article published in *The Englishman* discloses how a German naval raid on Calcutta was frustrated during the war.

According to information stated to have been given by a high officer, the Germans planned in 1915 to dispatch a munition ship to Sabang, in Sumatra, where it would arm the crews of 10 German warships interned there, release all the prisoners of war, and then make a concerted attack on Calcutta or Rangoon.

When information was received in Calcutta regarding the departure of the munition ship from a west coast port of the United States—the *Sunderbunt*—and the Bay of Bengal were rigidly patrolled and every precaution was taken in the city.

The munition ship was watched by British agents in the Pacific, but it disappeared, for a reason which has never been fathomed, and the attack did not eventuate.

ACROSS ATLANTIC IN FOUR DAYS.

SIX VESSELS OF 25,000 TONS.

A SPEED OF 35 KNOTS.

If the Government will advance £18,000,000, the Trans-Oceanic Corporation, a company composed entirely of Americans with American capital, will build six vessels capable of making a sustained speed of 35 knots, and crossing the Atlantic from New York to British and Channel ports in four days.

This is the statement made by Mr. Lawrence Wilder, president of the company, now in Washington, who will shortly go before the Shipping Board and present his plans. These new vessels would be of 25,000 tons cost £18,000,000 each, so that the Government would advance three-quarters of their cost.

The six vessels proposed would give a sailing every other day from New York and British ports, to be increased to a daily service later, if justified by the traffic.

Mr. Wilder says his company will not ask for a subsidy, but will endeavor to have the ocean mail contract law modified to give vessels under the American flag a preference in mail contracts. Mr. Wilder says his company is not particularly interested in buying the *Leviathan* and other Government-owned ships if the Government will advance the necessary capital for the construction of the projected four-day ships.

That, of course, cannot be done by the Shipping Board, but will require the consent of Congress and the passage of the necessary Act, which will lead to prolonged discussion. It is quite true that there is a strong sentiment in favour of the Government getting out of the shipping business, but whether it is advisable for the Government to get out by being in as a partner in a private shipping concern seems doubtful to many members of Congress, who fear the Government will have to grant heavy subsidies if the four-day ships are kept in operation.

JUNK LOST IN A GALE NEAR MACAO.

TWO OF THE CREW DROWNED.

According to a report made to the police by Chan Chai, master of cargo boat No. 823V of 300 picul capacity, and having on board three men, one woman and two children, the boat capsized in a gale and was lost.

The junk was on a voyage from Colowan, near Macao, to Hong Kong with a cargo of lime last Saturday when the mishap occurred. The inmates managed to keep afloat by clinging to pieces of wood from the overturned junk for about half an hour when they were rescued by the crew of trading junk No. T. 6007H and brought to Hong Kong. It was discovered at the time of the rescue that two members of the crew were missing.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

It is announced that Lieutenant-Commander C. R. Brodie, from the surveying ship *Beaufort*, has been appointed as the Hydrographic Assistant to the Hydrographer of the Navy. He served aboard all through the war, and in November, 1922, became first lieutenant of the surveying ship *Troquois* on the China Station.

The promotion in the New Year List of Lieutenant-Commander G. E. Boulbee to Commander caused a vacancy in the command of the gunboat *Scorpion* on the Yangtze, which will be filled by Lieutenant-Commander Cedric Taylor, D.S.O., D.S.C., from the battleship *Exeter* of India. Lieutenant-Commander Taylor was transferred from the *R.N.R.* during the war for distinguished service in the "Q" boats.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 125th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
February 9th	6.59 a.m.	6.16 p.m.
" 10th	6.58	6.17
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" 12th	6.58	6.18
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HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	... "TEAN"	On 11th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE	... "KINGYUAN"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	... "LIANGHONG"	On 13th Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	... "YUNNAN"	On 13th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & SHANGHAI	... "NANNING"	On 13th Feb.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... "SHANTUNG"	On 13th Feb.	7 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	... "CHENAN"	On 13th Feb.	Noon
WUHAIR, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	... "KUEICHOW"	On 18th Feb.	4 p.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	... "KANGHONG"	On 18th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	... "KAYING"	On 18th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... "SUZYANG"	On 20th Feb.	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI	... "HUPEH"	On 22nd Feb.	7 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

February 7th.
Albert Vogler, German str., 3,414 tons, Capt. W. Horn, from Kobe and Shanghai. The latter port she left on February 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 46—Jensen & Co.

Hirundo, Norwegian str., 1,123 tons, Capt. H. Brandt, from Bangkok and Swatow, with rice and wood, lying at buoy No. 41—Thorsen & Co.

Kut Song, British str., 3,613 tons, Capt. V. McC. Liddell, from Kobe and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kwai-keung Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Michael Jensen, Danish str., 1,342 tons, Capt. P. E. Christensen, from Bangkok and Kohsichang. The latter port she left on Feb. 1st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41—Chin Seng Hong.

New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. E. G. Rapley, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 847—Yik Tai S. Co.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 103 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Luau Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S. S. Co.

Tathylis, British str., 6,314 tons, Capt. J. Hatfield, from Tacoma, Wt. Miike. The latter port she left on February 4th, with flour, lumber, coal and fish, lying at buoy No. A5—B. & S.

West Farall, American str., 4,501 tons, Capt. M. E. Shigley, from San Francisco and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Swayne & Hoyt Co.

February 8th.

Berlin, British str., 3,071 tons, Capt. W. Riddle, from Vladivostok, which port she left on February 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Wanchai—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Delany Maru, Japanese str., 4,373 tons, Capt. K. Torii, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on February 5th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—N.Y.K.

Hutchings, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. W. G. Edwin, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S. S. Co.

Hung Sang, British str., 1,498 tons, Capt. R. J. J. Sneddon, from Esingtau via ports, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hanoi, French str., 830 tons, Capt. L. Cruchot, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C48—M.M.

Hanan Maru, Japanese str., 2,330 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung via Amoy and Swatow. The first mentioned port she left on February 5th, with 900 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with 55 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kwang, British str., 1,229 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18—B. & S.

Newchuan, British str., 1,501 tons, Capt. N. Hardie, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

Ninghai, British str., 1,505 tons, Capt. C. Jones, from Shanghai, which port she left on February 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B20—B. & S.

(Continued on next Column.)

ASIATIC PASSENGERS' TRAFFIC.

IN AND OUT OF THE COLONY.

A GENERAL EXODUS.

During the month ended on January 31st, there was a big exodus from the Colony. The monthly figures of arrivals and departures showed that no fewer than 30,388 persons had left the Colony in excess to the number arrived.

Hong Kong has always been a harbour of refuge for the Chinese whenever there is trouble in Canton and other South China ports, but when comparative peace is restored the refugees, most of whom are farmers, return to their native homes at the first available opportunity.

This fact was amply borne out last month. Immediately news reached the Colony that peace had been restored in Canton, all outgoing vessels were filled with passengers.

The figures given below show that no fewer than 117,706 persons departed by river boats, plying between here and Canton, Kongmoon and Wuchow. On ocean steamers, 33,380 persons left the Colony and these being mostly from Swatow and Amoy. Junks and launches also carried away 11,374 to Chinese ports on the West River.

The full figures are appended—
Ocean going steamers 29,245
River steamers 93,416
Junks and launches 11,374

Total 134,035

CLEARANCES.

February 8th.

Chung Wai, for Canton.
Delany Maru, for Saigon.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Derry, for Macao.

Deuwaung, for Hoihow.
Hung Sang, for Canton.
Kwang, for Shanghai.
Kwang, for Hoihow.
Newchuan, for Swatow.
Ninghai, for Canton.
Pharis, for Swatow.
Pharis, for Tarakan.
Berlin, for Suez.
Shan Hai, for Macao.
Sinhon, for Canton.
Tung Tuck, for Haiphong.

The Red Star liner Belgenland left Hong Kong on December 14th on her fourth voyage around the world and will arrive at Hong Kong today, to remain until Monday, February 13th. On this voyage, which will take 124 days, three new ports will be visited, Bangkok, Athens and Formosa. By special arrangement with the Japanese Government the steamer is to be permitted to call at the sacred city of Miyajima.

Sinhon, British str., 1,504 tons, Capt. L. Jenkins, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Tung Maru No. 1, Japanese str., 1,300 tons, Capt. K. Kajikawa, from Dairen and Takao, lying at buoy No. C44.

Wanching, British str., 1,169 tons, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

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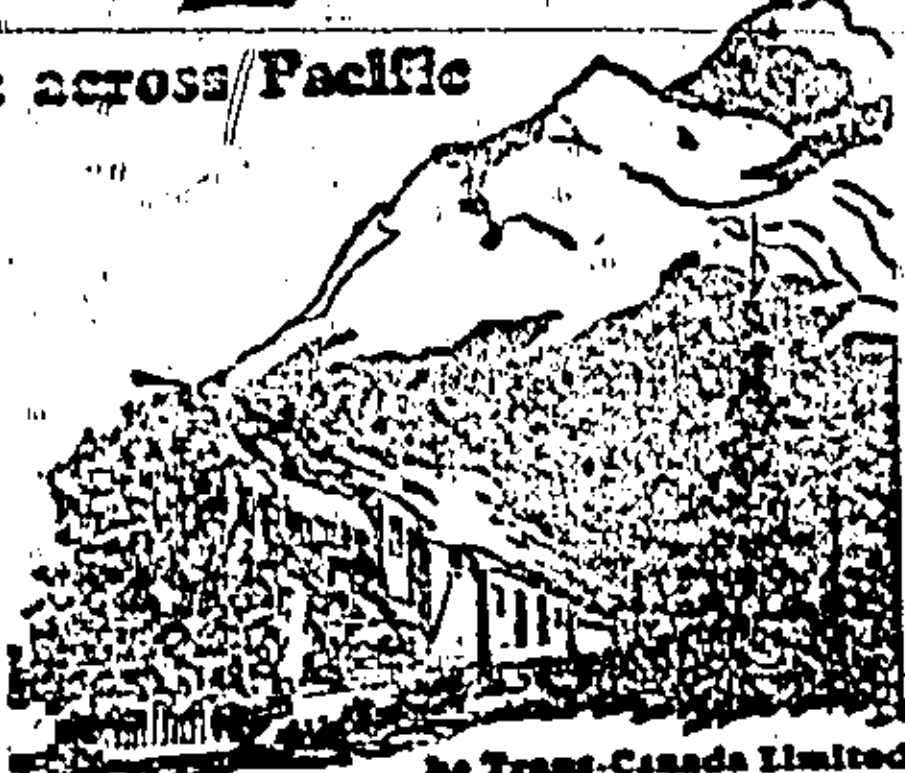
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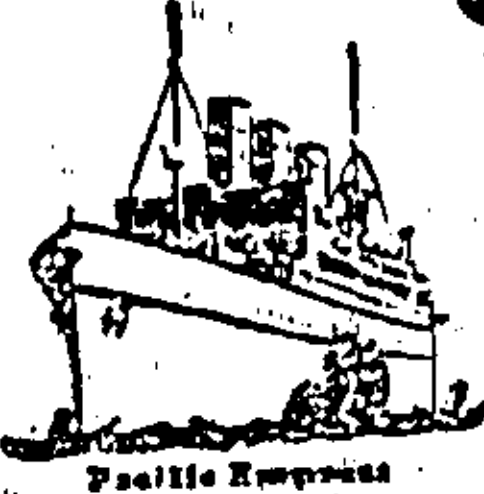
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS AGAIN HIGH.

THROUGH CARGO NORMAL.

There were twenty arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and the freights manifested for ports beyond the Colony were lower than the high figure of the previous day. Cargo for this port, however, remained high.

There were 22,834 tons of general cargo imported. Of which, 12,730 tons were contributed by eight British steamers. The two best returns were 8,107 tons contributed by the *Talithyphus*, from Milke, and 3,866 tons by the *s.s. Michael Jensen* from Keshichang.

Through cargo, although lower than the previous day remained normal. The through freights amounted to 13,734 tons of which four British vessels contributed 7,356 tons. The best return—were shown by the *s.s. West Farland* (American) from Amoy with 3,875 tons and the *s.s. Perseus* from Shanghai with 3,500 tons.

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	9
Japanese	3	4
Norwegian	1	3
Chinese	1	0
Danish	1	0
French	1	1
German	1	1
American	1	0
Total	20	20

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiping, Mar. 9th.
Changte, April 6th.

Bank Line.

City of Benares, Feb. 12th.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.
City of Durban, March 16th.
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
City of Bombay, April 4th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Carlisle, April 14th.
City of Rangoon, April 14th.
City of Birmingham, May 4th.
City of Athens, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 25th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Tilawa, to-day.
Tukade, to-morrow.
Tulna, Feb. 19th.
Tatamba, Feb. 24th.
Takiwa, Feb. 28th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Australia, to-morrow.
Empress of Russia, Feb. 23rd.

Dodwell & Co.

Romulo, March 1st.
Tugela, March 9th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Australa, Feb. 14th.
Asia, Feb. 27th.
Africa, Mar. 29th.
Malaya, April 15th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Mar. 5th.
Arafura, April 2nd.

Blue Funnel Line.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolyceus, Feb. 20th.
Achilles, Feb. 29th.
Polyphemus, Feb. 29th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Calchas, March 3th.
Sarpedon, Mar. 3th.
Rhesus, Mar. 10th.
Teiresias, Mar. 18th.
Meneceus, Mar. 22nd.
Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phenixus, April 11th.
Agamemnon, April 15th.
Laomedon, April 24th.
Orestes, April 22nd.
Machaon, May 2nd.
Teucer, May 2nd.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Glen Line.

Glenluce, Mar. 2nd.
Glenartemore, March 7th.
Glenagarry, March 10th.
Glenarra, April 6th.

Hamburg-America Line and Rangoon Steamship Line.

Saarland, to-day.
Havelland, Feb. 25th.
Emil Kirdorf, Feb. 28th.
Havestein, March 7th.
Scheer, Mar. 12th.
Carl Legien, March 22nd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiliseong, Feb. 13th.
Tjiliseong, Feb. 13th.
Tjiliseong, Feb. 16th.
Tjiliseong, Feb. 20th.
Tjiliseong, Feb. 26th.
Tjiliseong, Feb. 27th.
Tjiliseong, Feb. 27th.
Tjiliseong, March 1st.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Arnyuan, Feb. 11th.
Sphinx, Feb. 15th.
Valon, Feb. 25th.
Porthos, Feb. 29th.
Paul Lecat, Mar. 14th.
D.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.
Andre Lebon, Mar. 28th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Tatsuno Maru, to-day.
Kamo Maru, to-morrow.
Tatamba Maru, to-morrow.
Tottori Maru, Feb. 11th.
Mishima Maru, Feb. 12th.
Tango Maru, Feb. 16th.
Tatamba Maru, Feb. 16th.
Morioka Maru, Feb. 17th.
Anyo Maru, Feb. 17th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Hakone Maru, Feb. 19th.
Mishima Maru, Feb. 21st.
Katori Maru, Feb. 24th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Angsbury, Feb. 12th.
Coblenz, Feb. 16th.
Oder, Feb. 23rd.
Fulda, March 12th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Alipori, to-morrow.
Karnala, Feb. 12th.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
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Kashmir, Mar. 1st.
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Prince Line.

Chinese Prince, Feb. 21st.
Malayan Prince, Mar. 13th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Sumatra, March 10th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

LAUNCHES COLLIDE.

[BY LONGSHORMAN.]

Yesterday morning a G.P.O. launch was backing out from Blake Pier and at the same time another launch, belonging to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., was backing out from the Douglas wharf. As the stern of each launch swung around they touched and slight damage was caused.

Coast Defence Practice.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the local authorities under date February 7th:— "With reference to No. S.140 in the Government Gazette dated June 17th, 1927, the following amendments are made to the programme of Coast Defence Practice: Six pounder sub-calibre practice by the 2nd Heavy Battery of the Royal Artillery from 'O' section, Mount Davis, on February 14th. This practice will now take place on February 17th."

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 2,473.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:— North Wall Basin, Ambrose; South Wall Basin, Peterel, Udale, Gunnet, Neave, Tern; East Wall Basin, S/Ms. L.1, L.2, L.3, L.4, L.5, L.6, L.7, L.8, L.9, L.10, L.11, L.12, L.13, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.17, L.18, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.22, L.23, L.24, L.25, L.26, L.27, L.28, L.29, L.30, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.42, L.43, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49, L.50, L.51, L.52, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.56, L.57, L.58, L.59, L.60, L.61, L.62, L.63, L.64, L.65, L.66, L.67, L.68, L.69, L.70, L.71, L.72, L.73, L.74, L.75, L.76, L.77, L.78, L.79, L.80, L.81, L.82, L.83, L.84, L.85, L.86, L.87, L.88, L.89, L.90, L.91, L.92, L.93, L.94, L.95, L.96, L.97, L.98, L.99, L.100.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port yesterday:— British: *Talithyphus*, *Changte*, *Hai Ching*, *Kut Sang*, *Hydrangea*, *Suwaning*, *Singhai*, *New Mathilde*, *Halvard*, *Seitani*, *King Fung*, *Lungye*, *Hai Yang*, *Palmhall*, *Krei Yang*, *Han Hong*, *May Sang*, *Teau*, *Phoring*, *Hu-chow*, *Empress of Canada*, *Kuei-chow*, *Cape St. Agnes*, *Kiang Su*, *Amey*, *Chusan*, *Gorgutian*, *Wing Hong*, *Sumatra*, *Tatkon*. American: *President Madison*, *West Parrott*. Norwegian: *Hirundo*, *Proseper*, *Kraud*, *Havard*, *Bathia*, *Eiger*. Danish: *Michael Jensen*, *Bintang*, *Clara Jensen*. Japanese: *Honan Maru*, *Tayo Maru*, *Del Maru*, *Corachi Maru*, *Sumida Maru*. Chinese: *Deawongse*, *Chung Woo*, *Hain Fong*, *Tai Pank*, *Sing*, *Tin Chai*, *Tung Tuck*, *Puan Sing*, *Lee On*, *Derwent*, *Hui Cheong*, *Alumun*, *Ban Fong*, *Sun*, *Poo Tye*, *Lee Cheong*, *Gen. H. Hunt*, *Gen. H. Knor*, *Man Su*, *Tjandari*, *Hankow*, *Jan*, *Otto*, *Hong Kong*. Portuguese: *Kong On*, *King On*. German: *Dorry*.

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"NELLORE"	9,365	24th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	9,365	2nd Mar.	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
"MACEONIA"	11,130	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	9,273	7th Mar.	Straits & Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"KASHMIR"	9,123	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	do.
"NAGPORE"	9,281	21st April	do.
"MORZA"	10,983	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"JEYPORE"	9,318	19th May	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	2nd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NOVARA"	9,939	9th June	Marseilles and London.
"MACEONIA"	11,130	23rd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KEYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles and London.
"NANKIN"	10,085	14th July	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	21st July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	28th July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	11th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	18th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	25th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"KALAMBA"	8,018	26th Feb.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,066	6th Mar.	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Mar.	do.
"AKAFURA"	6,000	27th Apr.	do.

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"KANMARIE"	8,856	18th Feb.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALAMBA"	10,000	21st Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	1st Mar.	Amoy, 2nd Mar., Moji, Kobe & C.
"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Mar.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	9,263	6th Mar.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar.	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"LAHORE"	6,232	19th Mar.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MORUKA"	10,955	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y.
"KASHMIR"	9,263	3rd April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th April	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,983	13th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,886	27th April	do.
"NOWARA"	6,888	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"DEVAN"	9,265	8th May	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MORONONIA"	11,120	11th May	do.
"NANKIN"	7,668	25th May	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	4th June	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	8th June	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,265	21st June	do.
"HAIJIRANA"	16,506	6th July	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	20th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
		31st Aug.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

